Egypt Jails 54 Islamists For Peaceful Agitation

Some Were Candidates In Parliamentary Vote Planned for Next Week

> By John Lancaster Washington Post Service

CAIRO — Less than a week before parliamentary elections intended to show Egypt's commitment to democracy, a military court Thursday sentenced 54 Islamic fundamentalists to jail terms of three or more years for their involvement in nonviolent political activities.

The sentences were the latest and most compelling example of a government crackdown on nonviolent political opponents, in particular members of the Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's main opposition group, which has long operated in the open despite its official status as illegal.

Government officials accuse the Brotherhood - wbose membership is dominated by such professionals as doctors, lawyers and university professors - of indirectly supporting Islamic militants who have waged a violent, four-year campaign to topple the secular regime of President Hosni Mubarak.

Human-rights groups, bowever, say the Mubarak regime is using Islamic militancy as a pretext to curb all forms of dissent, citing, among other things, prosecutions of journalists under a new press law that imoses harsh jail terms for libeling public figures. A number of the activists sentenced Thursday had announced their intention to run in next week's parliamentary elections.

'We're seeing a deterioration in the human-rights situation in Egypt on a number of levels," said Virginia Sherry, who attended the proceedings at a bleak army camp in the desert nonheast of Cairo on behalf of Human Rights Watch, based in New York.

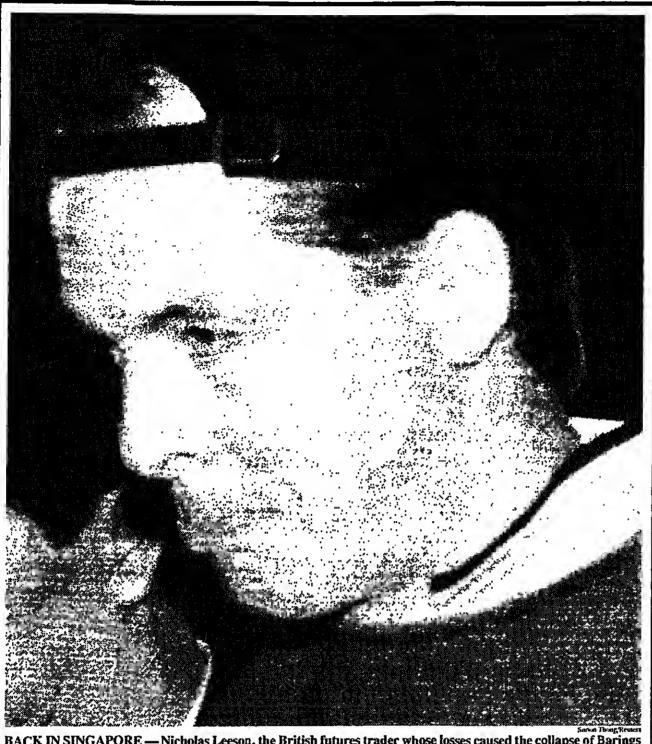
'it's not just related to political violence. It appears to be an assault on political opposition across a broad spectrum.'

The increasingly repressive atmosphere poses a ticklish problem for the United States, which values Egypt as a diplomatic and military ally and bulwark against Islands and Islands an lamic radicalism in the region. Despite U.S. officials have refrained from public criticism of the Mubarak regime, saying they prefer to address the problem privately.

One of the most visible — and controversial -- examples of the government's approach to internal security has been its use of military courts characterized by expedited trial proceedings and uniformed udges and prosecutors who report to the Ministry of Defense.

Over the last year, bowever, government security forces largely have contained the militants to several rural provinces in the central Nile Valley. Emboldened by its apparent success, the government has begun to shift its attention to the Muslim Brotherhood, which despite its official dis-

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BACK IN SINGAPORE - Nicholas Leeson, the British futures trader whose losses caused the collapse of Barings PLC, was returned to Singapore from Germany to face charges that could carry a long jail sentence. Page 13.

Gingrich Image Gets in Party's Way

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Despite a year of legislative successes, the House speaker. Newt Gingrich, enters the final stage of budget negonations with a public image so battered that the Democrats see it as one of his party's prime vulnerabilities. concerted, systematic campaign to "demonize" Mr. Gingrich Congressional Republicans, including some of his staunchest and thereby discredit his agenda. But some of them also

loyalists, are increasingly concerned.

Mr. Gingrich dismisses his poll ratings, which dropped ammunition to bis enemies.

The furor he prompted The furor he furor he prompted The furor he prompted sitory, the short-term price of pushing for long-term change against the fierce opposition of a party that he asserts is bound

"When people learn the facts over the next five or six months, we'll be fine," he told the Republican governors this week at a meeting in Nashua. New Hampshire.

Mr. Gingrich and his party's economic platform as a single, unattractive package: intellectually challenging, perhaps, but

publicans in Congress, clearly frustrated at their difficulty in getting their message across to the American people, are in-creasingly worried that this image of the speaker is getting in the

They bitterly complain that the Democrats have mounted a acknowledge that Mr. Gingrich himself occasionally gives

The furor he prompted Tuesday when he linked a bizarre Illinois murder case to "the moral decay of the world the left is defending" and his lengthy complaints last week over his treatment aboard the presidential plane, Air Force One, going to and from Yitzhak Rabin's funeral were two such instances.

"He has truly been demonized," said Representative Christo-pher Shays, Republican of Connecticut. " Some of us want to But Democraric congressional strategists want the public to see put our arms around him and say, 'How do you hold up?' But at

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Belgrade Says Serbs From Bosnia Give In And Accept Accord

By John Pomfret

BELGRADE - The leadership of the Bosnian Serbs met Thursday with President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and agreed to carry out the peace plan for Bosnia that Mr. Milosevic helped negotiate in Ohio, state-run media reported Thursday

night.

The agreement, if true, removes a major hurdle blocking the deployment of as many as 60,000 NATO troops to Bosnia to enforce the peace deal designed to end Europe's bloodiest conflict since World War II. But there was no immediate word from Bosnian Serbian media sources to confirm

According to the Belgrade-based Tanjug news agency, Radovan Karadzic and other hard-liners in the nationalist Bosnian Ser-bian leadership met with Mr. Milosevic in Belgrade on Thursday and succumbed to his pressure to carry out the Bosnian peace plan. Significantly, the commander of the Bosnian Serbian army, Ratko Mladic, was not at the talks.

Despite some painful solutions for Republika Srpska, Republika Srpska will ful-ly implement the accord. Tanjug said. using the name of the Serbian component of the Bosnian republic envisaged by the agreement initialed in Dayton, Ohio, on

Serbian sources said the meeting lasted almost 12 hours and was at times ex-

Following the announcement of the peace accord, senior Bosnian Serbian officials lambasted the plan because, among other things, it gave almost all of Sarajevo to the Bosnian Muslims.

Momeilo Krajisnik, the president of the self-proclaimed Parliament of the Bosnian Serbian republic, called the deal an "especially bad mistake," adding that "no one has the right to give away territories that we defended with blood." Mr. Krajisnik had been a member of the Serbian negotiating team led by Mr. Milosevic.

The announcement amounts to another victory by Mr. Milosevic against the nanonalist forces he unleashed in Bosnia in 1992 when he encouraged them in their land grab that at one time saw them occupying as much as 70 percent of that

For the past two and a half years, however, Mr. Milosevic has moved slowly and steadily to stop them and sue for peace, although twice in the recent past the Bosnian Serbs have rejected internationally brokered peace deals that Mr. Milosevic has either backed or signed. But, now that Mr. Milosevic apparently

has won the agreement of the Bosnian Serbian leadership to realize the plan, another question temains: What will he do with the two men who embody the ruthless and bloody struggle of the Bosnian Serbs for an ethnically pure state free of Bosnia's Mus-lims and Croats? Both Mr. Karadzic and General Mladic have been indicted by the International War Crimes Tribunal at the

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NATO Force Gets Broad Authority to Keep Peace

By R. Jeffrey Smith and Dana Priest

WASHINGTON - U.S. and other troops implementing the Bosnian peace accord are charged not just with separating the warring parties, but also with controlling or overseeing many aspects of civilian and military life in the divided country, according to the text of the agreement and U.S. of-

The broad authority granted to the NATO-led peacekeepers will help them maintain control and thus minimize their own risks and casualties, U.S. officials said. But it also means the forces could become involved in significant ways in governing Bosnia, exposing them to potential local fric-

In contrast to the relatively limited scope of U.S. involvement previously described by the Clinton administra-tion, the accord reached Tuesday gives the peacekeepers such tasks as en

President Clinton to seek support for Bosnia force. Page 3.

suring the free movement and resettlement of refugees, aiding humanitarian workers, resolving boundary disputes, creating "secure condi-tions" for free elections, and responding to violence against civilians. In what the Clinton administration

viewed as a key achievement, the 'complete and unimpeded freedom of movement by ground, air and water. The U.S. commander of the so-called Implementation Force obtained additional power to regulate all communications and all military and civilian use of airspace, ports and certain strategic corridors.

The peacekeepers will enforce requirements that the warring parties withdraw from 21 two-mile-wide zones of separation within 30 days of a formal signing ceremony and leave agreed land to he swapped within 45 days. They also must remove or dismantle mines and other weapons from these areas and

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Violence in Mice Tied to Lack of Chemical Without Nitric Oxide, Males Turn Highly Aggressive

criminal behavior in people stems in part

By David Brown

WASHINGTON — Researchers have found that the absence of a specific signaling chemical in the brain can transform normal mice into violent and sexually aggressive miscreants.

The substance, nitric oxide, is a simple compound whose role in living organisms was unknown a decade ago. Male mice mutation that affects only behavior, and whose brains lack it attack one another terociously, often fighting to the death. When placed among females, the nitric oxide-deficient animals repeatedly attempt to male, even when rejected.

Uncontrolled rage "is the sort of aggression apparently being mediated by nitric oxide," said Randy J. Nelson, a psychologist at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, who performed some of the experiments.

Nitric oxide (NO) is produced by the action of an enzyme called nitric oxide synthase (NOS). The aberrant mice lacked a gene that encodes instructions for making NOS in nerve cells.

Human beings possess a nearly identical

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gene, although its behavioral effects have causes smog. (It should not be confused not been studied. Whether any violent or with nitrous oxide, a mild anesthetic

from nitric oxide deficiency is unknown. The findings, reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, are unusual in many respects. Most genetic mutations alter the func-

tion of many organs, causing a confusing Since then, NO has been found in nearly especially rare when the behavior is as distinctive as aggression. In this case, the aberrations were both dramatic and confined to males, suggesting that NO action in the brain is intimately

bound up with sexual differences.

NO is a two-atom molecule, so small and light that at body temperature it is a gas. Its active life is measured in thousandths of a second. In contrast, other neurotransmitters, such as dopamine and serotonin, contain dozens of atoms, exist as dissolved solids in the body, and survive in tissue for

minutes to hours. Until recently, nitric oxide was mainly thought of as an environmental pollutant known as "laughing gas.")

Eight years ago, researchers discovered measurable amounts of NO in the walls of blood vessels. Experiments proved NO is made by cells lining arteries and veins, where it plays a major role in regulating blood pressure.

every organ system in an astonishing va-riety of roles. It helps regulate the clotting of blood; it is an antimicrobial weapon by the immune system; it promotes rhythmic intestinal contractions during digestion; it redirects blood flow to make the penis erect. Consequently, it was no surprise that NO works in the brain, too.

In the mice experiments, many mice were often found dead. After observing them, however, it was obvious that the cause of death was repeated attacks by fellow mice.

When placed among females, NO-de-ficient males exhibited abnormal sexual aggression, constantly mounting the females even when the latter were not in heat that comes out of automobile tailpipes and and ignoring gestures of rejection.

AGENDA

Attack on Diana Angers Major

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister John Major on Thursday rebuked a minister for saying that Diana, Priness of Wales, had shown "the advance stages of paranoia" in a TV interview. Asked in Parliament whether the armed forces minister, Nicholas Soames, should be dismissed for speaking "out of turn," he replied, "I do not expect any more comments. Related article, Page 5

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A Bosnian Serbian soldier with his belongings waiting for transportation Thursday near Pale, Bosnia, after leaders of his faction accepted a peace plan;

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TOKYO - Morimatsu Saito barely knew what hit him. The 63-year-old securities company employee was walking through Tokyo's financial district carrying a bag containing \$400,000 to his company. Just as he reached his building, a man wearing a helmet as he reached his building, a man wearing a helmet as he reached his building, a man wearing a helmet as he reached his building, a man wearing a helmet as he reached his building, a man wearing a helmet as he reached his building a man wearing a helmet as he reached his building. approached him, sprayed a debilitating gas in his face,

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A result is that the Japanese often carry large amounts of cash. This habit has made Japanese tourists tempting

episodes that have shocked normally safe Japan. But And on the 10th and 20th of each month, traffic is said why would someone walk unguarded through the to be particularly heavy as businessmen visit suppliers and clients to pay bills or receive payment in casb.

targets for pickpockets around the world. But in Japan where robberies are rare, it has hardly been a problem. Shigeru Nomura, an 80-year-old man who emerged

from a securities company near where Mr. Saito was robbed, said he sometimes carried tens of thousands of dollars in a paper bag. "I get a little nervous," he allowed - but not nervous enough to have someone accompany him.

Recently, however, the number of robberies, while

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The Tortuous 'Extra Mile' for a Balkan Accord

By Michael Dobbs Washington Past Service

AYTON, Ohio --- As he scrubbed himself down in the shower Tues-day morning, Richard C. Holbrooke began composing a speech to announce the failure of the Bosnia peace talks. Moments later, the chief American negotiator to the former Yugoslavia got a call from a reporter who asked how the negotiations were going. "We are in an absolute crisis." he

snapped.

The mood in the morning American staff meeting in the two-story barracks that U.S. delegates had christened "Holbrooke Hall" was bleak. Overnight, the Bosnian foreign minister had phoned reporters to say that the negotiations had been broken off.

Someone spotted the president of Serbia striding jacketless over the snow-covered parking lot from the barracks housing the Serbian delegation. Mr. Holbrooke's wife, Kati, rushed

out to bring him inside.
"I want to walk the extra mile for peace." Slobodan Milosevic announced to the startled

Americans.
Unbeknownst to Mr. Holbrooke, Mr. Milosevic had struck a deal with his openime mortal enemy, President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia. The two leaders had agreed to initial the U.S. sponsored peace agreement for Bosnia and submit to international arbitration a final territorial dispute. That left President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia as the sole holdout. Just after 10 A.M., Mr. Izetbegovic ac-

cepted the Serbian-Croatian offer. "It is not a just peace, but my country needs peace," be told Mr. Holbrooke and Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher with an air of resignation. Ninety minutes later, President Bill Clinton went into the White House Rose Garden to announce the end of the worst fighting in Europe since World War II.

T was a fitting climax to an extraordinary peace conference that veered repeatedly between success and failure. For three weeks, the men responsible for unleashing the fratricidal war in the former Yugoslavia had been locked up with negotiators from the Unit-ed States, Europe and Russia. The way the conference ended was also a telling reflection

of the different negotiating strategies of the principal actors in the talks.

"Milosevic kept going an extra mile for a deal," Mr. Holbrooke said,

Izetbegovic was unsure whether to grasp the opportunity for peace. His people had been imprisoned and embattled for so long, and be had a divided delegation . . . Tudjman would play one man off against the other in order to secure maximum advantage for Croatia."

The media were kept at a distance from the talks, which took place behind high-security fences at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base outside Dayton. While there were plenty of leaks, many of the most dramatic moments were known only to the participants. This reconstruction of the climactic-finish to the Dayton talks was assembled from interviews with Mr. Holbrooke, other American and European negotiators and Balkan delegates.

There were smoke-filled rooms galore. The hallway outside Mr. Holbrooke's suite was named the "Posavina Corridor," in honor of the single most troublesome issue at the talks, a sliver of land linking Serb-held territory in eastern and northern Bosnia.

Emotions had been kept in check during the first two weeks of the talks, but they burst into the open as soon as the rival Balkan warlords began haggling over territory. When Mr. Milosevic found out that American proposals would award the Bosnian-Croat federation 55 percent of Bosnian territory, instead of the 51 percent originally envisaged, he exploded.

"You tricked me," he told Mr. Holbrooke. "I thought we were negotiating in good faith.

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arrested 12 suspects in connec-

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I am willing to be flexible for peace, but I cannot go home to Belgrade with any-

thing less than 51-49."

Many of the most intense discussions

took place in a room covered with maps of

Bosnia and crammed with sophisocated

computer equipment. Nicknamed the "Nintendo Room," it included a com-

puter that instantly recalculated the per-

centages of territory assigned to both sides

under changing peace plans, Although Mr. Milosevic ultimately

drew the line at preserving the principle of a 51-49 splin, he had been flexible on

most retritorial issues, including Sara-jevo itself. The first big breakthrough on

the map had taken place in the 'Nin-tendo Room' on Friday evening, Nov.

17. With a top Pentagon general crouching by his side to manipulate the joy-

stick, Mr. Milosevic zoomed in on the

he could accept the proposal.

site of an American-proposed corridor to link the Muslim-held town of Gorazde with Sarajevo. After surveying the corridor from a variety of angles, he finally decided that

Mr. Milosevic gave American negotiators the impression that he did not really care whether the Bosnian Serbs ended up in control

of villages and towns over which so much blood has been spilled over the past three and a

half years.
These Bosnians are all the same, whether they are Serb or Muslim. They all have the same

accent," he confided patronizingly to an Amer-

ican negotiator. He told another U.S. official

that it would be a "waste of your time" to

canvass the opinions of the senior Bosnian Serbian official Nikola Koljevic. The Bosnian

Serb negotiating team constantly complained that Mr. Milosevic was keeping them in the

American negotiators were intrigued by Mr.

Milosevic, who has been widely blamed for

unleashing the wave of nationalist fury that

swept across the former Yugoslavia in 1991

with his calls for all Serbs to be permitted to

live in a single state. Outwardly at least, the Serbian strongman is the most Westernized of

the three Balkan leaders, with a sophisticated

The standard American explanation for Mr.
Milosevic's transformation from warmaker to

peacemaker is that he was never a real na-

tionalist, merely an opportunist. In 1991, at a

time when he was under strong political pres-

sure from domestic opponents, it was in his

interest to whip up nationalist passions in Ser-

tion with a car-bombing at the note, following the murder of Farooq Ninesy and Eid Ismail Egyptian Embassy that killed an Egyptian diplomat abroad. Shaltoot, The Jordanians were

Mr. Babar said the ambas-

last week saying that Egypt was afraid Islamist forces would at-

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istan's bureaucracy and was not

Pakistan Arrests 12 in Embassy Bombing

Delay in Delivering Egyptian Warning Is Investigated

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Afghans - were arrested in chief law enforcement official

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Khan Babar said Thursday.

Karachi, Peshawar and Islam-

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who have been missing since the

suicide car-bomb blast Sunday.

abad, he said.

knowledge of American popular culture.

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia, left, ended his resistance to the accord after President Milosevic of Serbia, right, and the Croatian leader agreed to sign. Below, Richard Holbrooke, the American envoy, beaming after the signing.



bia. Four years later, he sensed that nationalism had led Serbia up an economic blind alley and

that an end to the war was the only way out. Faced with Muslim intransigence, Mr. Milosevic gave up on one territorial demand after another. At first he resisted surrendering the Sarajevo suburbs of Grbovica and Ilizda to federation control. By Sunday night, however, he had agreed to the principle of a united Sarajevo under federation control.

"You earned it," he told the Bosnian prime minister. Haris Silajdzle. "You lived through

'N contrast to Mr. Milosevic, who repeatedly gave way on territorial issues, the Muslims stuck to a firm line. Their Lintransigence appeared to reflect a fundamental ambivalence over whether the peace deal the Americans offered was worth having at all. With the tide of the war turning in their favor for the first time in more than four years,

they had little incentive to compromise.

To persuade the Muslims, the Americans had big flash cards constructed of all the benefits that would flow to Bosnia under a peace agreement. The benefits included an economic reconstruction package, provisions barring war criminals from running for office and the normalization of relations between Bosnia and Serbia.

Mr. Christopher, who had just returned to Dayton after a trip to Japan, took the flash cards to Mr. Izetbegovic on Saturday evening and set a midnight deadline for the success of

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icans Nov. 13 in Saudi Arabia,

Ghulam Jaji.

the talks. The deadline came and went without results.

The next day, Sunday, the Americans publicly announced a new deadline of 10 A.M. Monday morning for the talks to end in success or failure. Bosnian and Serbian leaders gathered in Mr. Holbrooke's suite to attempt to thrash out the remaining territorial differences, which recetered on a Serbian demand for a broadening of the Posavina corridor. Mr. Izetbegovic refused to agree to any widening of the corridor. Faced with the Muslim refusal, negotiators began to look for other ways of compensating the Serbs and making sure that they ended up with the promised 49 percent of Bosnian ter-ritory. By 4 A.M. Monday, they thought they had found a solution. The Croats would be asked to give up mountainous land in western Bosnia that they had seized during the summer. Mr. Christo-

pher opened a bottle of wine to celebrate the deal — which lasted for 37 minotes. When the normally soft-spoken Croatian foreign minister, Mate Granic, was invited to inspect the map, he pounded the table.

"This is impossible, impossible," he

shouted. "There is zero point zero chance of my president accepting this."

American negotiators were stunned by the

collapse of a peace agreement. Suddenly, everybody began reopening territorial issues that had seemed settled long before. It required a telephone call from President Clinton to President Tudiman to extract some last-minute territorial coocessions and keep everybody at the negotiating table. By now, however, the Bosnians had upped their demands: They revived a demand to place the town of Brcko, at the mouth of the Posavina Corridor, under international supervision.

By Monday evening. Mr. Christopher and Mr. Holbrooke decided on a final deadline. With Mr. Clinton's agreement, Mr. Christopher wrote a letter to the delegates, announcing that the conference would wind up Tuesday mom-

ing, with or without an agreement.
In a final effort to save the talks, Mr.
Holbrooke sent his aides to tell Mr. Milosevic about the latest Bosnian demand. He and Mr. Christopher went to bed that night, fearing that the talks were on the verge of failure. As they slept, Mr. Milosevic came up with the idea that he and Mr. Tudjman sign the peace agreement by themselves, in order to put the squeeze on Mr. Izetbegovic. He also decided to submit the Brcko issue to arbitration.

Cuban Leader, in a First

Since '61, to Visit China

Agence France-Presse

China for the first time next week, a government spokesman

The Cuban leader will arrive Wednesday and stay unol Dec. 8 at the invitation of President Jiang Zemin, a Foreign

Ministry spokesman. Shen Guofang, said at a press con-

It will be the first visit to China by a Cuban head of state

since 1961, when President Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado went,

official Cuban sources said. At the time, Mr. Castro was

Cuba was the first Latin American country to recognize the

Communists as the legitimate government of China in 1960.

But relations became frosty for nearly three decades because

of the Chinese-Soviet schism. Havana had sided with the

BELJING - President Fidel Castro of Cuba will visit

Sri Lanka Cuts Off Rebel Stronghold

Military Vows Lost Plane Won't Stop Troop Advance

held town of Jaffna on Thursday, according to a military

scaled off the entire town, trapping 2,000 guerrillas of Liber-ation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in-

The military spokesman, Brigadier Sarath Munasinghe, said: "We have effectively cut off Jaffna town from the rest of the peninsula. Tigers are trapped in town. They have to jump into the sea, bite cyanide

Earlier, defense officials said the army advance on the northern Jaffna citadel of the Tamil Tigers had been slowed, but not stopped, by the crash of a transport plane that was carrying

Brigadier Munasinghe said that Wednesday's crash, in bad weather in the northern seas, was not likely to affect the advance

of the troops significantly. Sri Lankan defense officials said the air force would buy more planes to continue operations against the Tiger rebels. All 63 passengers, mostly troops, were killed when the Russian-built AN-32 crashed Wednesday, 12 kilometers from the Palali air base The chief of staff of the Sri

Lanka Air Force, Air Deputy Marshal Anselm Peries, said the AN-32 had crashed because of pilot error or because of the weather. The crash was "least likely" to have been caused by terrorist activity, he added. The air force has now lost six

planes in seven months, two of them in the past week.

Meanwhile, President Chan-

Company by Our Stoff From Departure drike Bandaranaike Ku-COLOMBO — The Sri maratunga on Thursday called Lankan Army cut off the rebel- for talks to end the fighting.

We must negotiate a lasting political solution and then, and only then, can there be peace for our people." she said in an ad-He said government troops. our people." she said in an ad-tightening their control of the dress to the nation broadcast Tiger citadel of Jaffna, had over state radio. "The end of the war does not mean peace."

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She did not name or directly invite the Tamil Tigers for negotiations but she said she wanted peace with honor and dignity for all. (Reuters, AFP)

Magistrate Orders The Arrest of Berlusconi Aide

MILAN — A Milan mag-istrate ordered the arrest of a top manager at Silvio Berlusconi's Fininvest company on Thursday on suspicion of channeling bribes to Italy's disgraced former prime minister, Bettino

Mr. Berlusconi, who spent a stormy seven months as prime minister in 1994, hit back by saying the judiciary was wag-ing a politically motivated cam-paign to discredit him.

Sources said Giorgio Vanoni, finance director of Fininvest's foreign subsidiaries, was being sought for questioning.
Judge Maurizio Grigo also issued arrest warrants for Mr.

Craxi, who lives as a fugitive in Tunisia and has been sentenced to jail terms in at least three other anti-graft trials, and two One of the two. Giorgio Tra-

dati, was arrested Thursday, and arrest of Mr. Craxi's former as-

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TRAVEL UPDATE

French Transport Begins Slowdown

PARIS (Reuters) - French transport services began a strike Thursday night as part of a widespread protests over government

Air France canceled 82 medium-range flights Thursday because of an air traffic controllers strike from 5.30 P.M. to 7 A.M. More than 80 percent of its European flights are expected to be canceled Friday. Air Inter canceled 51 of 91 flights Thursday evening and 386 of 476 flights Friday.

Commuter trains around Paris and regional trains outside the

Paris region were to be halted. In Paris on Friday, only one in five ... Métro trains were expected to run, one in five RER regional

express trains and one in three buses.

All night trains were canceled Thursday night and Friday night.

Most high-speed trains were canceled for Friday, except the

Eurostar Paris-London line, which will run 10 of 12 scheduled services. Rail services will run at 50 percent of normal as of early Saturday, but several unions have called for the strike to continue beyond Friday.

Iberia Pilots Start 2-Day Strike

MADRID (AFP) - Pilots of the Spanish national carrier Iberia began the latest in a series of two-day strikes Thursday, and the company said 259 of the 438 flights scheduled for the day were

Iberia said the stoppage would mainly effect domestic and inter-European flights. Talks between management and the pilots. who are protesting a restructuring plan that involves job and salary cuts, broke down Tuesday.

New talks are planned but if no agreement is reached, the pilots expect a new 48-hour stoppage Tuesday and Wednesday

For the Record

A group led by Swedish construction group Skanska has won a contract to build a massive bridge between Malmo. Sweden, and Copenhagen, the Arbetet newspaper reported in Stockholm. The project involves construction of a bridge above the sea, approach bridges, a tunnel and other works extending for

Trains between Brussels and Britain, France and the Netherlands will not run Friday because of a strike by rail workers in and around Brussels, the Belgian state railroad said. The strike will be the third regional day of action called by unions to protest government plans to cut 10,000 jobs by 2005. (AFP)



Soviet camp, which was accused of revisionism by Mao Mr. Babar said he had also delivered to the official until aflaw enforcement officials said FF 1450 daily ordered an inquiry into why Wednesday, The New York ter the explosion, he said. there had been a delay in the Contacts were renewed after Beijing and Moscow rec-He identified the detained one or two pers. - breakfast included Times reported from Washingevery Friday/Saturday/Sunday and every day Dec. 15 to Jan. 14 Egyptians as Mohammed Hili-mi Mustafa, Mohammed, Modelivery of a letter from the ton. The U.S. authorities are exonciled in 1989, when Mikhail S. Gorbachev, then the Soviet Egyptian ambassador warning mi Mustafa, Mohammed, Mo-of possible terrorist attacks hammed Badawi Abdul Maqploring whether the attacks were Tel.: (33-11 44 71 24 24 Fax: (33-1) 42 65 39 97 Chinese-Cuban relations were restored in November 1993. carried out by the same or allied against Egyptian targets. The sood, Syed Ibrahim Alv. Yasser Islamic militant groups. To call, just dial the Access Number for the country you're visiting, and you'll reach an English-speaking Sprint Operator. It's that easy COUNTRIES ACCESS NUMBERS COUNTRIES ACCESS NUMBERS COUNTRIES ACCESS NUMBERS COUNTRIES ACCESS NUMBERS COUNTRIES ACCESS NUMBER

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Clinton To Lobby For Force

Effort to Send Troops to Bosnia

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton will make a televised address on Monday night in an effort to build poblic and congressional support for his plan to send 20,000 Amer-ican troops to help NATO po-lice the Bosnia peace agree-ment, the White House announced.

As a result, Mr. Clinton will delay until Tuesday his planned departure to England, Northern Ireland, Ireland and Spain, and will add a stop on Dec. 2 to visit U.S. troops stationed in Germany who would be among the first sent to Bosnia.

While the administration has said it will take steps to reduce the risk to American troops sent to Bosnia, Mr. Clinton's spokesman, Michael D. Mc-Curry, said the president would make it clear that it is expected that some soldiers may die, but that peace in the Balkans is a cause worth dying for when the possible alternative is a broader war in Europe.

"I think it is incumbent upon the commander in chief to make that case clearly, because ev-eryone is well aware of the test - it's often called the 'mother test': What do you say to the mother of a young man who's lost his life in pursuit of this peace agreement?" Mr. Mc-Curry said, "But that is a risk that this president believes is well worth taking because of the enormous consequences at stake here.

As it began its campaign to gain acceptance of the plan in a mostly bostile Congress, the White House framed the debate like this: Without U.S. military involvement, the peace accord simply would not work, the fighting would crupt again and Europe would face a wider, more deadly war.

"I think it becomes a lot clearer for the American people what's at stake here," Mr. Mc-Curry said. "It's literally peace vs. war. You either want the United States to participate in helping keep the peace the parties have agreed to, or you want the war to continue.

General Dennis Reimer, chief of staff of the army, which would do the lion's share of the work in Bosnia, said U.S. troops were well trained but still vulnerable.

"If we make a commitment to this, we've got to expect some type of casualties," General Reimer said. "We've got to be able to withstand those casualties." He made no estimate

of how many might get killed.
If, as expected, Mr. Clinton approves U.S. military participation in the NATO force in the next few days, NATO's political arm, the North Atlantic Council, could give its blessing

as early as next Wednesday. That could trigger deployment within days of an "en-abling force" of about 1,500 U.S. and other troops to Bosnia to clear the way for the arrival of the main NATO force of about 60,000 troops. (NYT, AP)

POLITICALNOTES



BIG BIRD SPARED - President Bill Clinton accepting a turkey from the National Turkey Foundation. It was granted amnesty and donated to a children's petting zoo.

marks blaming the "welfare state" for the murders of an Illinois woman and her two

children drew criticism from relatives of the

Speaking to Republican governors in New

With a newspaper account in his band, he

Hampshire, Mr. Gingrich had said: "Let's talk

about what the welfare state has created. Let's talk about the moral decay of the world the left

told of the killing last week of Debra Evans,

whose assailants slashed open her abdomen and removed her unborn child, and also killed

her 10-year-old daughter and 8-year-old son.

Two meo and a woman have been charged

with murdering Ms. Evans because they want-

"What's gooe wrong is a welfare system which subsidizes people for doing oothing," Mr. Gingrich said, "a criminal system which tolerated drug dealers, an educational system which allows kids to not learn and which represent the statement when can't teach

rewards tenured teachers who can't teach

while destroying poor children who are

of Ms. Evans who had gathered for her funeral

Sam Evans, the father of the murdered woman.

people who did this were sick. Debra was on

welfare, but she was one of the most caring

people in the world. Even though she was oo

welfare she opened her house to people. She

gave other people food wheo she didn't have

Several Democrats seized on the speaker's

comments to paint the Georgia Republican as intemperate. Michael McCurry, the White House press secretary, said, "He was just carrying on the way be often does." (NYT)

President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore in an open letter to federal workers who

were furloughed during partial government shutdown last week: "We can't promise you

that your jobs and your lives won't be in-

terrupted again. Too much is at stake. If you

are held bostage again, we know you would oot want us to forfeit the nation's future as

Quote /Unquote

In the Chicago suburb of Roselle, relatives

"It's terrible to use this for politics," said

Her mother, Jacalyn Arnold, said: "The

trapped in a process with oo hope.

denounced Mr. Gingrich.

"It's an outrage."

victims and from Democrats.

is defending."

ed a baby.

Pugnacious Republicans

WASHINGTON - Republican congressional leaders sent a blunt demand to President Bill Clinton that be present, by early next week, a precise plan for living up to his agree-ment that he would seek to balance the budget within seven years.

White House officials irritably dismissed the ultimatum, saying it was clear that Republicans had reverted to the combativeness and brinksmanship that led to the temporary shutdown of the government, Although Mr. Clinton has yet to show how he would eliminate deficits in seven years, his aides countered that Republicans have yet to show how they will protect Medicare and Medicaid — which they committed to do as part of the agreement that got

the government running again.

If anything, the new hluster offered a vivid demonstration of just how little distance has actually been closed between the two sides, despite the brief flutter of cooperation that led to the passage of a spending measure that will keep the government running until Dec. 15. Each side is fastening to the part of the accord

About all they could agree on was that talks were likely to start Tuesday.

In their letter to Bill Clintoo, Newt Gingrich of Georgia, the House speaker, and the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole of Kansas, ooted that Mr. Clinton had pledged to veto the Republicans' recently passed seven-year budget, but said the president had not yet spelled out what he would do in its place.

"Since you have not presented a balanced budget plan to Congress, we will need your specific legislative proposals on how you would accomplish balance in seven years differently from the hill you intend to veto," they wrote. "We cannot begin to resolve our dif-ferences until we first know what they are."

To assure that oegotiations proceed promptly, "it is necessary to have a response to our legislation early next week," they added. The White House press secretary, Michael

McCurry, said it was clear the Republicans were "back to square one in the rhetoric and negotiating tactics." (WP)

Backlash on Gingrich

WASHINGTON - Newt Gingrich's re-

WASHINGTON - As the administration considered its strategy for next week's budget negotiations with Congress, the White House disclosed that the government shutdown last week cost taxpayers \$700 million to \$800 million. And it said it could not promise federal workers that another shutdown would not happen again in a few weeks. Roughly half of the estimated costs, White House officials said Wednesday, are

the salaries of the 800,000 workers furloughed for four work days. As in the past, they will be paid for the time they were sent bome. The other half consists of lost revenues, some of which may be recouped.

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

At the same time, Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin disclosed that the ad-

And the White Houses Braces for Another Showdown

Cost of Shutdown: \$700 Million Plus

the negotiations over a balanced budget.
At a breakfast with reporters, Mr. Ruhin also hinted at President Bill Clinton's strategy in those negotiations, saying the administration would seek to bridge the huge gulf between congressional and White House economic assumptions and to pare down the Republicans' proposed tax cut.
Other administration officials say they

have oo indication that the first- and second-term Republicans in Coogress, who have clung m the Congressional Budget Office's economic assumptions as an article of faith, are willing to find a middle ground between those ambers and the figures used by the ad. stration.

The congressional estumates about how

ministration was developing plans to keep the economy will perform are less op-paying the nation's hills into early next timistic than those of the Office of Manyear in the event that Congress refuses to agement and Budget, which the White raise the natioo's borrowing limit as part of House prefers, and would require far deeper cuts to reach a balanced budget in seven years. But Mr. Rubin acknowledged Wednesday that any estimates that reach seven years into the future are by their nature a bit fanciful.

Asked if there was any way to balance the budget in that time period - one of the goals specified in the agreement reached last weekend — without abandoning the Congressional Budget Office figures, a senior administration official thought for a

second and then said simply, "No." Nor does it appear likely that Congress is about 10 act soon on raising the debt limit, in part because Republicans believe the prospect of default gives them additional leverage in budget negotiations.

Geneticists Closing In on 'Adam'

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

netic studies of modern human origins, scientists think they have found strong evidence that there was an ancestral "Adam" about 188,000 years ago to go with the previously discovered

The scientists used certain male-specific segments of the Y chromosome, the chromosome passed from father to son, to trace the commoo ancestor of every man now oo Earth to that period. They are reporting the findings on Thursday in the journal Nature, which also in-cludes a separate study placing Adam in a more recent time.

Earlier analysis of the DNA of the mitochondria, the tiny structures within each cell that generate its energy and that are transmitted only by the mother, indicated that all humans have as a common ancestor one woman who lived in Africa about 200,000 years ago, who has been named Eve. All human mitochondrial DNA oow extant, it seemed, derived from a single mitochondrial molecule from that place and

report earlier this year by sci-entists at Yale University and other institutions, that also analyzed part of the Y chromosome, concluded that modern Homo sapiens could have descended from a small group of male ancestors who lived about 270,000 years ago, since revised to an estimate of 160,000

to 120,000 years. They explored a different site in the Y chromosome and conceded that more research must

After finding ancestral Eve, scientists have been looking for Adam.

be cooducted on other segments of the human genome to establish a fairly recent origin of modern humans.

Arizona in Tucson and Cambridge University in England oow report the new and pos-sibly more definitive evidence for the date of the Y chromosome Adam.

In one report, Michael F. Hammer, a scientist at Arizona,

years, reasonably close to the about the place where the Y time for the common mitochondrial ancestor.

the time, but only one left a Y origins said the research supchromosome legacy that per-sists today, Likewise, many females were living at the time of sapiens evolved in Africa and the woman whose mitochondri- then spread to Asia and Europe, al DNA was ancestral to all people today. The two could have

lived at slightly different times. They were probably two random individuals in the small population of early humans, some of whose genes happen to have persisted in the lottery of procreation while those of their contemporaries failed to survive. The continent where this ancestor lived has oot been determined, Mr. Hammer said, although some further research not yet published pointed to an

African origin. In the other Nature report, L. odern humans. Simon Whitfield, a graduate Scientists at the University of studeot in genetics at Cambridge, described research showing a more receot time for the commoo Y chromosome ancestor — 37,000 to 49,000

years ago. Mr. Whitfield conducted his work in the laboratory of Dr. Peter N. Goodfellow, a Cam-A corresponding Adam has estimated the time back to a bridge professor of genetics. The been harder to track down. A common ancestral human Y Cambridge sample was also too

chromosome to be 188,000 small to make any inferences chromosome Adam lived. But Mr. Hammer and other special-Many males were around at ists in genetic studies of human ported the hypothesis that anatomically modern Homo replacing more archaic Homo

Away From Politics

 A problem with an Atlas rocket delayed the launching of a U.S.-European observatory on a \$1 billion mission to study the sun. A faulty fuel regulator stopped the countdown two hours before liftoff. There will be a delay of at least two days, NASA

 Denouncing the AIDS policies of the administration of Governor George Pataki, the director of the New York state AIDS Institute, Dr. Nilsa Gutierrez, said she was resigning to protest anticipated budget cuts that would "dismantle HIV care in New York state." She said she had been told to find ways to cut the institute's \$180 million budget by up to 20 percent next year. (NYT)

 The nation's largest for-profit manager public schools suffered a serious blow when Baltimore officials said they were canceling their contract with the company, Education Alternatives Inc., to manage 12 city (NYT)

Canada Passes Tough Anti-Gun Bill

gun-cootrol legislation that is

among the toughest in North America. The Senate, the unelected upper chamber of the Parliament, rejected amendments that would have softened the leg-islation passed in June by the

elected House of Commons. The vote Wednesday was the last legal hurdle for the bill. "It's an illustration of our

which is different from that chosen by our American neighbors." The bill will require all tered into a oational gun reg-

istry, and will make it a crime to refuse to do so.

Reuters

gun smuggling from the United ister their arms. "We will make OTTAWA — The Canadian States and will tighteo penalties it an issue in the next elecgave final approval to for the use of guns in crime. tions." said the Reform Party

It was one of the most important pieces of legislatioo backed by the two-year-old former policeman. Liberal government of Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

"I'm very pleased," he said. "It's a piece of legislation that was needed and was desired by the people of Canada."

Mr. Chrétien had disciplined registered. rural members of his party who had choseo to listen to their strong will to chart our own constituents - especially farmcourse as a country," Justice ers and hunters — and vote Minister Alan Rock said, "one against the party line, but he against the party line, but he was easily able to win in the House of Commons.

The populist Reform Party had fought bard against the bill firearms to be licensed and en- in the Commoos and pledged to make it an issue in the next federal election, which must be held by 1998 before the 2003 The measure seeks to curb deadline for everybody to regissue, Jack Ramsay, who is a Canada already requires handguns to be registered but

will now require rifles and shotguns - a number Mr. Ramsay estimated at between 7 million and 21 million — also to be

spokesman on the gun-cootrol

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'A Get-Together Among Friends'

Hong Kong Bureaucrats to Meet Beijing Aides

Kong civil servants and Chinese officials will have their first informal meeting next week in a series of contacts to help smooth the way for the British colony's return to Chinese rule, the government announced Thursday.

The announcement was an upbeat contrast to the latest shock to hit Hong Kong - a suggestion this week that China meeting. will set up a provisional government and legislature in the British colony well before the

will get under way next Thursday despite that and other sore spots in relations between Beijing and the British colonial administration, underlined recent-

over the level of democracy. Qian Qichen. who will the Hong Kong government meeting.

said in a statement that it had consulted the Xinhua press friends, agency's Hong Kong Branch, porters. Beijing's de facto embassy, and decided to send six senior of- me home for supper, would you ficials in charge of housing, ed- say to me, 'Look, this is what I ucation and labor to the first

location, the Hong Kong Jockey Club clubhouse at the Happy Valley horse racing track.

informal meenings was made in October, the highest-level rant radio said. visit by a Chinese official to Britain in three years.

Kong and China to get to know interviews would come after a The series of contacts results each other and have no fixed new chief executive was named from a recent visit to London by agenda, said the Secretary for next year. the Chinese foreign minister, the Civil Service, Michael Sze,

> "It's a get-together among Mr. Sze told re-

"For example, if you invite want to talk to you about?' No, you don't do that, you just look It will be held at an unofficial where the spirit takes you."

China will send officials to the meeting from Beijing's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs The agreement to hold the office, the Chinese-British Joint Liaison Group, and the when Mr. Oian was in London local Xinhua branch, govern-

> Mr. Sze said that the meetings were not job interviews for

hon Keizal Shimbun, "has re-

of Rights overrode other laws and threatened to create chaos. The chief justice, Sir Ti Liang Yang, had been forced to make his statement after a senior Xinhua official leaked the judge's opinion, which had been expressed at a private dinner, in an effort to shore up Beijing's contention that the Bill of Rights had to be watered

show of public cooperation.

closely with."

lady," Mr. Sze said.

down. Mr. Sze also attempted to broke out this week when a resting a leading dissident and senior Chinese adviser said he believed a shadow government would be set up before 1997.

There is a saying in English, one swallow doesn't make a summer," Mr. Sze said. 'One night doesn't make a shadow government."

The Hong Kong governor, Chris Patten, said Wednesday that he would oppose any atplain the delay in telling Mr. tempt by China to set up a gov-A spokesman for the Air Self-Defense Force said invesemment-in-waiting ahead of the 1997 handover, as predicted by Sir Sze Yuen Chung, a setigators believed that an elecnior adviser to Beijing on the trical error caused the missile to

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Han Dongfang, a Chinese activist, calling Wednesday in Hong Kong for China-policy reviews over the Wei case.

Germany Reveals Offer Of Asylum to Chinese

BONN --- Germany castigatplay down another conflict that ed China on Thursday for arsaid it had quietly offered last month to give the dissident, Wei Jingsheng, asylum in Germany if Beijing would let him go.

After a lively debate on Bonn's China policy, Parliament unanimously passed a resolution supporting Mr. Wei and calling for his unconditional release.

Chancellor Helmui Kohl who has come under criticism over a visit to China last week. joined in backing Mr. Wei. But he also defended his contacts with Beijing as a way to help foster reform.

The German Parliament is dismayed about the so-called ormal arrest of the prominent Chinese dissident Wei Jing-sheng after he was held for 19 months in illegal detention." the resolution said.

its arrest of a prominent dis-

sident on sedition charges and

attacked foreign critics Thurs-

day for what it called meddling

is not a human rights case," the

Foreign Ministry spokesman,

Shen Guofang, said at a news briefing. Mr. Wei, was formally

charged Wednesday.
Our judicial departments

arrested him in accordance with

independent investigations."

Mr. Shen said. 'They went

through proper judicial proce-

Mr. Wei, 46. the father of

China's embattled democracy

movement, was a Nobel Peace

Prize nominee this year. The

announcement of his arrest for

'engaging in activities to over-

'The case of Wei Jingsheng

in its internal affairs.

ter Mr. Kohl ended his tour of China, including a visit to the 196th Infantry Division at Yangcum, between Beijing and Tian-jin. Opposition politicians in Bonn accused Mr. Kohl of helping rehabilitate the Chinese military, which carried out a massacre of hundreds of democracy

campaigners in Beijing in 1989. Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said that Bonn had urged Mr. Wei's release during visits to Germany by Prime Minister Li Peng in July 1994 and President Jiang Zemin last July.

"At the beginning of Octo-ber, I reminded the Chinese foreign minister very clearly of our intervention and offered to receive Wei here in Germany.

nese garrison, Mr. Kohl said: "If we seriously want to foster the continuation of reforms in Chi-

Mr. Shen declined to address

directly criticism that China vi-

olated its own laws and inter-

national standards by failing to charge Mr. Wei or notify his relatives for nearly 20 months after his April 1, 1994, arrest.

"I think our judicial depart-ments' investigation of Wel

Jingsheng's case did not violate

any so-called international

standards," be said. "On the

contrary, it was some people,

some organizations, that inter-

fered in our judiciary process.

bying of UN members to elude

earlier drives to censure it on human rights grounds.

and other rights groups contend that Mr. Wei's lengthy deten-

China has used intense lob-

Human Rights Watch/Asia

Mr. Wei's arrest was an- na, this cannot be done without nounced Tuesday, only days af- or against the armed forces.'

China Says Wei Arrest

Is 'Not a Rights Case'-

BEIJING - China defended vailed since he vanished 20

throw the government, a tion without charge violated charge punishable by death, ended the long official silence tention. (Reuters, AP)

15 Shelved for now

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months ago.

Korean Financier Questioned SEOUL - South Korean state prosecutors said Thursday especially since his sister lives here," Mr. Kinkel said. that they were questioning a financial wizard on allegations that he may have played a role in helping former President Defending his visit to the Chi-Roh Tae Woo build up a \$654 million secret slush fund.

Interrogation of Lee Won Joe, former head of the country's bank watchdog, was concentrated on "allegations he helped Roh illegally amass secret funds," a prosecution official

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Rebels Capture Base Near Kabul

KABUL — The Taleban rebel militia captured an important Afghan government military stronghold east of Kabul as it stepped up its drive to seize the capital, defense officials

The Islamic militia overran five more kilometers (three

miles) of government-held territory, the Defense Ministry

said, but claims that the Taleban had taken a strategically

The Taleban fighters took over a former jail converted into

an army base in Pul-i-Charkhi, officials said, when the

government commander and his men switched to the militis

The rebels also claimed they had taken the town of Pul-i-

HONG KONG - China is to hold further military ex-

ercises off its southeastern coast, ahead of Taiwan's par-

Quoting Chinese military sources, the Sing Tao Daily News said the large-scale air, land and sea exercises would

take place on Dongshan Dao, off Fujian Province, whose coast is about 180 kilometers (112 miles) from Taiwan.

The report said the military exercises, which would be need on the eve of Taiwan's legislative polls on Dec. 2, would, for the first time, involve armed police and militas.

It said Beijing was still reviewing the situation and would announce the military exercises "when the time is ripe." Observers said they believed the exercises were aimed at disrupting Taiwan's parliamentary elections.

(AFP)

UN Sends North Korea Food Aid

government after devastating floods.

spokesman for the Rome-based agency said.

ROME - The United Nations World Food Program on Thursday said it had sent unprecedented food relief to North Korea in response to an appeal for aid from the Communist

A statement said the shipment of 5,140 tons of rice for

The consignment was due to arrive at the North Korean

He said Nampo was normally closed to foreigners for

security reasons but that the North Koreans were "more than

willing to allow WFP monitors to be at the port" and follow

the aid "all the way to the provinces" where it would be

Flash floods in July and August, described by the food program as North Korea's worst for 100 years, destroyed

homes, farmland and food stocks in rural areas of the north-

port of Nampo Friday on a chartered Russian freighter, a

distribution among 500,000 people left destitute by this year's heavy rains "represents the first UN food aid ever sent

The report said the military exercises, which would be held

liamentary election next month, it was reported Thursday.

China Said to Plan Exercises

crucial village were found to be untrue.

side and handed over the base.

Mr. Lee, also a former member of Parliament, was called the "emperor of Seoul's Wall Street" during Mr. Roh's 1988-93 presidency because of his influence over the Fi-

On Thursday, as a group of 100 people rallied outside the prosecution building demanding Mr. Roh be severely punished the senior prosecutor. Ahri Kang Min, said Mr. Lee was "a witness, not a suspect."

For the Record

Cambodian police found 17 guns during a search of the home of King Norodom Sihanouk's detained half-brother, Prince Norodom Sirivudh, but his wife said on Thursday that all of them were licensed.

India on Thursday announced its biggest public health campaign aimed at immunizing nearly 80 million childreo against polio to help global efforts to eradicate the disease by

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VOICES From Asia

Shen Guofang, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman: 'The case of Wei Jing-sheng is not a human rights case. Our judicial departments arrested him in accordance with independent investigations' following 'proper judicial pro-

Han Seung Soo, chief aide to Presideot Kim Young Sam of South Korea, testifying before Parliament about a major political slush fund scandal: "President Kim has not received even a penny from anyone and will keep his word about it in

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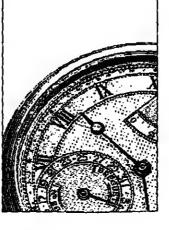
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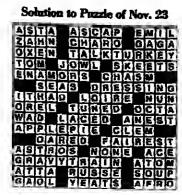
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TOKYO --- Japan's govern-

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Japan's Communication Gap

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Leader Is Last to Learn of F-15 Blunder

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Showdown on Social Policy Millions to Join Walkout in France

PARIS -- Millions of French workers were set to strike Friday in the biggest challenge to date to the conservative government's social policies.

biggest since 1986, was expected to involve most of France's 5 million public-service employwho have decided to join the

Strike organizers aimed to shut down train, subway and bus services, as well as post offices, banks, government offices and most schools. Hospitals will handle only emergency services.

to five and a half years in prison.

BRIEFLYEUROPE

Plutonium Smuggler Convicted

KONSTANZ, Germany - A German businessman was

Adolf Jackle, 54, was the fourth person this year in

convicted Thursday of smuggling plutonium and sentenced

Germany to be convicted on the charge. In July, three men—two Spaniards and a Colombian — were convicted of smug-

two Spaniards and a Colombian — were convicted of sing-gling plutonium from Russia.

The police found nearly six grams (two-tenths of an ounce) of plutonium in Mr. Jaekle's garage. Seizures of nuclear materials in Germany and elsewhere in Europe have raised concerns that dangerous substances that could be used by terrorists were leaving the former Soviet Union.

(AP)

BRUSSELS - European Union citizens support eastward

The poll, conducted in all 15 EU nations, found that the

But it found that only one in five persons knew that the

BONN - Firebombers attacked Turkish targets in Ger-

In the western town of Ahlen, vandals set fire to two cars

and a Turkish tea house. In the nearby city of Dortmund, the

front of a Turkish cultural center was set on fire but the blaze

was quickly extinguished. Turks have been among the main

targets of attacks since German reunification in 1990. The

authorities have blamed separatist Kurdish extremists for

SEVILLE — The Socialist president of Andalusia has dissolved the regional Parliament more than two years ahead Manuel Chaves González was unable to muster enough votes to pass a 1996 budget and decided to call a regional

Andalusia, Spain's most populous region, is the home of the Spanish prime minister, Felipe González, and had long

MADRID - Spain's Parliament voted Thursday to lift the immunity of a former interior minister, José Barrionuevo, one of several political figures suspected of complicity in state-sponsored terrorism against Basque militants. The vote, 204 to 122, marked the first time a member or

former member of Spain's post-Franco government has been

deprived of parliamentary immunity against prosecution.

Mr. Barrionuevo, the interior minister between 1982 and 1988, is suspected of having helped set up the Anti-Terrorism Liberation Group, which is believed responsible for at least 22 murders of Basque separatists from 1983 to 1987.

(AFP)

BRUSSELS: The European Commission presidem, Jacques Santer, meets with Eddie Fenech Adami, the prime

BRUSSELS: The commissioner for the internal market, Mario Monti, meets with the Slovak deputy prime minister,

BRUSSELS: Mr. Santer meets with a Japanese business

BRUSSELS: The transport commissioner, Neil Kinnock,

BRUSSELS: The end of European Parliament hearings on

Sources: Agence Europe, AFP

European Union events scheduled for Friday:

leader, Schoichiro Toyoda

takes part io a Siemens management forum.

domestic markets and monetary union.

A Socialist Setback in Seville

Spaniard Loses Immunity

many for a second consecutive night, damaging property but

Union planned to open talks next spring on a treaty that would

Turks in Germany Attacked

causing no injuries, the police said Thursday.

majority of those questioned supported membership for Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, the Czecb Republic, Slovakia,

expansion but have little idea what the EU bureaucracy is doing

EU Citizens Feel Uninformed

about it, according to a poll released Thursday.

pave the way for expansion.

election for early next year.

The walkout, called by the published by the Paris daily Le powerful public service unions Parisien, 65 perceot of those upset over the government's plan to reform the social security system, will be the second such labor action in as The strike, billed as the many mooths. A third strike is planned for Tuesday.

A poll released Thursday indicated that a majority of the ees and thousands of others French public supported the strikers. But 56 percent of those polled agreed with a part of the reform plan that would extend the number of years public employees must pay into the system before retirement to bring it into line with the private sector. In the survey, conducted by the CSA polling institute and

questioned declared they would either take part in or support a general strike to protest the re-

Only 19 percent said they were hostile to a strike.
The poll of 1,000 people was taken Nov. 20 to 22. No margin of error was given.

The social security reform is designed to eliminate a 230 billion franc (\$46 billion) deficia within 10 years. Prime Minister Alain Juppé hopes to cut the projected 60 billion franc 1996 social security deficit by half and to avoid a deficit in 1997.

In addition to extending the time that public employees thust pay into the system by two and a half years, the reform plan calls for new taxes and stricter controls over the prescription of

Railroad workers are protesting a planned contract that calls for additional layoffs and the closing of thousands of kilometers of unprofitable routes.

Post office and telephone workers are unhappy over plans to partly privatize the public services, while studeots at many universities have voted to continue their strike to press for

■ Chirac Gains in Poll An opinion poll released Thursday showed the popularity of President Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Alain Juppé picking up sharply from a record low, Reuters reported from

Saturday, indicated that the percentage of voters satisfied with Mr. Chirac had rebounded to 22 percent from 14 percent a month

Mr. Juppe's popularity also rose 8 points, to 20 perceot from 12 percent.

It was the first poll showing the standing of either leader clearly reversing a steady decline since they came to power six months ago.
A conflicting BVA poll re-

leased Wednesday showed Mr. Chirac's support still falling, down to 32 percent from 36 percent the previous month, and Mr. Juppe's approval rating zation foreign ministers to unchanged at 29 percent.



better conditions and more Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, center, being greeted by the German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, in Bonn on Thursday.

Perry Calls Dane 'Strong Candidate'

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Paris.

The Ipsos survey, to be published in the weekly Le Point on U.S. defense secretary, William J. Perry, said Thursday that Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, Denmark's nominee for the job of NATO secretary-general, was 'a very strong candidate." "There are several candi-

dates for the job of NATO general secretary," Mr. Perry said.
He named Foreign Minister
Javier Solana Madariaga of Spain as one of them and added, The Danish candidate, Ellemann-Jensen, is another. Ellemann-Jensen is a very strong candidate for the job.

Mr. Perry was speaking to reporters shortly before he left-Copenhagen.

North Atlantic Treaty Organi- getting the job. make a final decision at their

annual meeting in Brussels on Dec. 5

I hope and expect that at the said. foreign ministers' meeting the week after next they will come to a decision," he said. Mr. Perry and Mr. Ellemann-Jensen, a former foreign min-

ister, held an unscheduled 30minute meeting here Wednesday evening. The talks included Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Pe-

Mr. Ellemann-Jensen, the

only declared candidate for the Solana," a diplomat said after United States signaled he was NATO position, said he had promised not to comment on bis talks with Mr. Perry.

But later, Mr. Petersen said he believed the Danish candi-Mr. Perry said he expected date still had a strong chance of

"Ellemann-Jensen has a re- scandal in his home country, alistic chance of Mr. Petersen Belgium.
Mr. Perry would not elab-

"I can say that after my meeting with Perry and after the NATO ambassadors' meet- the running.

NATO ambassadors met Wednesday in Brussels and discussed the vacant posicion, but Spain did not propose Mr. Solana for the top job despite had the official field to himself expectations that it would do

"There was no mention of the meeting.

'Spain has not presented his candidacy.' The post of secretary-general

With France not apparently keen on the Dane, Mr. Solana has been mentioned as a posfell vacant Oct. 20, when Willy sible candidate, and Spain had Claes resigned over allegations been widely expected to proof involvement in a corruption mote his candidacy.

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Irish Vote On Divorce With Polls **Narrowing**

The Associated Press

DUBLIN - Ireland votes Friday on whether to amend its constitution to permit divorce, a debate that has pitted church against state.

Opinion poils this week showed a nation split almost evenly. Some 2.6 million people are eligible to vote. The result is expected to be announced Saturday.

The referendum is the culmination of nine years' work by four Irish governments since 1986, when Ireland voted nearly 2 to 1 against legalizing di-vorce. This time all five major political parties back the change, which makes the strong grass-roots opposition all the more remarkable.

"I doubt if you'd have anything like this in any other country in Europe, where virtually every single politician is urging a yes vote, yet the people are very nearly sayiog no," said Senator Shane Ross. "It's an extraordinary situation.

Article 41 of the constitution. adopted in 1937, says; "No law shall be enacted providing for the grant of a dissolution of marriage." It makes Ireland the only Western nation that bans

The proposed 15th amendment would allow divorce for couples who have been separated for four years out of five and who could demonstrate orate on his comment that there "no reasonable prospect of a

reconciliation." In 1986, an early pro-divorce 'It would not be appropriate lead in opinion polls collapsed for me to comment on the canbefore the vote, chiefly because there were no laws governing ing on," he said.
Mr. Ellemann-Jensen has property rights, spouse support and children's welfare.

That legislation has since since the former Dutch prime been enacted, but polls indicate minister, Ruud Lubbers, withthat Roman Catholic teaching drew from contention when the retains its hold over large segments of opinion, particularly in rural areas.

An October poll showed 62 percent in favor of permitting divorce, but the most recent survey, published Tuesday, put support at 45 percent versus 42



The princess of Wales arriving Thursday at Buenos Aires.

Should Charles Reign? Britons Are Divided

LONDON - Britons are split on the issue of whether Prince Charles should become king after his estranged wife, Princess Diana, said she doubted he was committed to the role.

The poll, commissioned by Independent Television News, found that 43 percent thought Charles should take over when his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, dies — but an equal number thought The Harris poll of 635 people also found that 63 percent thought the royal couple, both of whom have now confessed to adultery,

should divorce. Most of those questioned also said Diana's gamble to bare her soul on BBC television on Monday had paid off, with 79 percent

aying she was right to do the interview. Diana not only admitted to having had a love affair, but said she did not know how Charles would handle being king and accused the royal family of treating her like an enemy.

The prince is adamant that he will succeed his mother on the

throne, but his admission last year that he had been unfaithful to Diana prompted suggestions that he act as regent until his 13-yearold son, Prince William, is old enough to reign. Diana said she did not want a divorce but would agree to one if Charles wished one. Of those polled, 63 percent supported the couple's divorcing while 24 were against.

■ Diana Begins Visit to Argentina
Diana arrived in Argentina on Thursday to make her debut in her self-appointed role as roving ambassador for Britain, Renters reported from Buenos Aires.

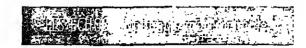
Most Argentines seemed indifferent to her visit, considering her a frivolous symbol of an anachronistic monarchy.



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Peres Was Next, **Police Were Told**

Suspect Gave Account

By Joel Greenberg New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — A prime Rabin told interrogators that Prime Minister Shimoo Peres had been next in line for assassioation, a police represen-1. ive said Thursday in a hearing at the Tel Aviv Magistrate's

The suspect, Dror Adani, a yeshiva student from the West Bank seulement of Beit Hagai. is accused of plotting to kill Mr. Rabin with the confessed assassin, Yigal Amir, and his brother, Hagai Amir. Mr. Adani denies the charges.

Reading from the transcript of Mr. Adani's interrogation. Chief Inspector Aryeh Silber-

man said: stand that your ultimate aim was to strike at both Rabin and peace process.' His answer: Let's say that they were both defined as murderers whose judgment is death, but we didn't decide who was first. Perhaps if we would have seen that Rabin

7 Tourists Are Killed In South Africa Crash

Agence France-Presse CAPE TOWN-Six Swiss tourists and a German woman died Thursday and 33 people were injured, five seriously, in a bus accident near Riversdale southwest of here, the police said. The tourists were on a tour of the Cape region when the bus overturned on a slippery road in

The police said the identity of the dead and injured would not be made public for two or three days so that their families could be informed. There were 43 people in the hus.

contioued on to Peres.' '

In another transcript read to the court, Mr. Adani said that suspect in the killing of Yitzhak Yigal Amir had defined Mr. Rabin as a "pursuer" under Jewish law, or a mortal threat who should be killed.

'Yigal said that Rabin was subject to the judgment of the pursuer and must be killed," Mr. Adani was quoted as say-"We bad ideas like attaching explosives to Rabin's car or attacking him with their weapon, with their pistol." He was referring to a pistol owned by Yigal Amir.

A lawyer for Mr. Adani told the court that his client had consulted with an unidentified rabbi who heads a yeshiva on whether Mr. Rabin could be defined as a "pursuer" under He was asked: 'I under-Jewish law. "The unequivocal answer of that rabbi was that it is forbidden to murder a Jew. Peres and in this way to stop the certainly not the prime ministhe lawyer said. "Dror gave this message to Yigal

> Mr. Amir has claimed that be was required to kill Mr. Rabin under Jewish law because the prime minister was putting Jewish lives and land in jeopardy by handing over much of the West Bank to Palestinian self-rule, a step Mr. Amir said

would lead to war. "There is an order more im-portant than 'Thou shalt not kill' and that is to save a life." Mr. Amir said in a court anpearance on Nov. 6, "When you kill in a war, it is a negative act, but aim is supreme so it is permitted.

On Thursday, Mr. Adani and Hagai Amir were remanded in custody in separate hearings until Nov. 30, when police expect to issue indictments.

At least eight other religious Jews have been arrested on suspicion of conspiracy or planning attacks on Arabs.



Shimon Peres, left, and his new foreign minister, Ehud Barak, Thursday in Jerusalem.

PEACE: NATO Force Has Oversight of Civilian and Military Life

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within 120 days move all heavy weapons into designated places. The force "has a very, very broad range of authority that should enable it to do its tasks" during the yearlong occupation, Lieutenant General Wesley Clark, director of strategic plans

and policy for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Wednesday. 'We can't discount the possibility that some clemeots may General Clark said. adding that those who do will 'suffer the consequences.''

Nevertheless, the assump-tion of so much responsibility and authority by the multinational force points up how abrupt and awkward the transition may be from a relatively weakly supported United Na-oons peacekeeping operation in Bosnia to one in which U.S. forces are expected to form about one-third of a total of about 60,000 troops.

While the comprehensive nature of the military's authority responsibility, particularly in nonmilitary areas, has been raised on Capitol Hill as a major concern. Members of both parties bave expressed skepticism about getting stuck in a prolonged, unpopular engagement

reminiscent of Vietnam. In an explicit recognition that violence may eventually break force, although the deployment out, peacekeepers are held harming to be endorsed by the Seless in the accord for any damage to property caused "by combat or combat-related activities."

The accord creates at least three new ceoters of power in Bosnia held by foreigners, in addition to establishing a local Parliament and presidency. The NATO commander will run all military affairs for the duration of the Implementation Force deployment, a senior UN representative will oversee civilian matters, and a human rights ombudsman appointed by European leaders will have broad investigatory powers.

ture of the military's authority

The Implementation Force posts, shut all air defense syswill probably impress members commander will be the North terms, move all heavy weapons

of Congress worried about risks Atlantic Treaty Organization's into designated barracks, and to U.S. troops, the scope of their supreme commander. General George A. Joulwan of the U.S. Army. He is to operate "under the authority and subject to the direction and political control" of the North Atlantic Council, a governing body of NATO amassador

No UN official is to have jurisdiction or authority for the curity Council.

In Bosnia, the commander is empowered to demand that the parties to the agreement surrender any information "of a military nature" that he wants. He can also do anything he

judges "necessary and proper" to protect the international force and carry out its responsibilities, according to the accord. The commander is charged

with ensuring that the warring factions relocate all their military command posts next to the multinational force's command

disarm and disband all armed civilian groups, national guards, army reserves, and military and special police, as the

accord provides. The peacekeepers will have authority to arrest any persons indicted for war crimes whom they encounter, but they will not try to track them down, U.S. officials said.

Any problems or questions are to be addressed first by a joint commission composed of the force commander, the senior military commanders of the three local parties to the accord, the senior UN represectative, and anyone else the NATO commander chooses.

The peace accord hands substantial power over civilian matters to a High Representative, is to ensure the smooth delivery of bumanitarian aid, oversec the return of property to refugees, orchestrate the country's reconstruction and inform the Security Council if any party violates any of its commit-itary requirements.

After Israel Appeals for Peace ister Yitzhak Rabin, who was not just part of it, for peace. "He must have the nerve to rally on Nov. 4, addressed his stress that it is impossible to

called on Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel on Thursday to turn his words of peace into action after he appealed to war is over. I ask you to help Damascus to help forge a comprehensive Middle East settle-

The peace process requires coocrete acts, not words," said the ruling party newspaper, Al that of exchanging all land, and

"Mr. Peres, who for oow holds the reins of power in Israel practically on his own, should make the most of favorable international circumstances to implement his policy

On Wednesday, Mr. Peres made an appeal in Parliament for Presideot Hafez Assad of Syria to help build a comprebensive peace in the region. The successor to Prime Min-

DAMASCUS — Syria assassinated at a Tel Aviv peace words to Mr. Assad: "You have to understand that the logic of lsraeli withdrawal from the terto understand that the logic of

huild peace."
Al Ba'ath said: "He must go beyond the negative positions of Rabin and adopt a new attitude in line with the principles of the peace process, especially

Papandreon Improving

ATHENS - Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou's health was reported Thursday to be steadily improving, but doctors were imable to say when the ailing 76-year-old Socialist leader would be released from

cated he is ready to discuss all the problems dogging the Syrian track, unlike Mr. Rabin, who insisted that the security aspect should be resolved first. The Syrian government newspaper Ath Thawra said is-rael's willingness to talk peace

ritories occupied in 1967."

Israeli-Syrian talks ground to

a halt in June after military

chiefs failed to agree to security

arrangements for any Israeli

withdrawal from the Golan

Heights, which Israel seized

from Syria in the 1967 Middle

East war. Mr. Peres has indi-

weeks. "Actions are more important

would be tested in the coming

than words," it said. the bospital.

SERBS: A Persuasive Milosevic

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Hague. Under the plan, indicted officials have to step down and all the parties have pledged to cooperate" with the war--crimes investigators, although the signatories to the plan did not go so far as to pledge ex-

The Yugoslav government has several legal loopholes that it can use to postpone or avoid that move if Mr. Milosevic decides that sending General Mladic or Mr. Karadzic to the Hague might result in his own

For example, the Yugoslavian Constitution bans the extradition of its citizens for trial in a foreign court. The Constitution would have to be changed before extraditions were carried out and, given a sufficient amount of bureaucratic wrangling, that could take years or even fail.

Another question that is unanswered is why did Mr. tantamount to political suicide.

First, under this plan, almost all of the Serbian-occupied suburbs of Sarajevo will be re-turned to Muslim control. That is where Mr. Karadzic has his

power base. Second, agreeing to the plan also means that Mr. Karadzic has to step down as the "president" of his self-proclaimed state because of his war-crimes indictment.

According to a former senior official with the Bosnian Serbs, Mr. Karadzic, a psychiatrist from Sarajevo, did not have much of a choice.

On Wednesday, his last hope of constructing some type of united front with the Bosnian Serbian military against the peace plan evaporated when the army issued a statement backing the Dayton deal.

That statement, put out by Milan Gvero, second-in-command of Serbian forces in Bosnia, was a blunt indication to Mr. Karadzic that the men with the guns would not back Karadzic agree to a plan that is his quest to wiggle out of the

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JAPAN: Robbers Thrive, as Checks and Credit Cards Are Mistrusted

checks," said Seiichiro Saito, a found in banks, which bundles

still very low by international travel alone and to change about cash, he said.

routes frequently. So the robberies keep occur-ring. In late October, Satoshi seen in the case of Toshio ring. In late October, Satoshi Murao, 33, an employee of Fuji Bank, visited three customers to pick up cash for deposit.

The he emerged from the last of less than 1 million yen in my less than 1 million yen in my less than 1 million yen in my lone would think this behaveraged.

not use checks. Japanese are likely to be puzzled by the ques-

professor of economics at 10,000-yen ones into packages ogs to those who transport tity and financial resources, bundle into his wallet. large amounts of cash not to There are no such questions How hard it will be to break

standards, has been rising. The check requires verifying or them out onto the floor. Every police have been issuing warn- trusting the check writer's iden- day. Mr. Miyaji's aides insert a mous for his Louis Vuitton at- the poor driver hy leaving his

\$1 million in fresh 10.000-year

To make sure be never feels conspicuous target. Sure lonely, Mr. Miyaji's office concurs, he has been robbed tion. "In a way, I wonder how tains an automatic cash-count- seven times, losing an amount Americans can trust personal ing machine, the type normally equal to \$390,000.

made off with an amount equal Rikkyo University. Accepting a worth I million yen and spits, to \$65,000 at those rates, "After spending all the moncy he committed suicide 10 days later, Miyaji recalled. He added that But Mr. Miyaji is most fa- he blamed himself for tempting

> taché case, which can hold up to attaché case in the car. Despite the robberies, the feisty Mr. Miyaji. 67, still caren around in a Rolls-Royce, dis-ries cash around without secupensing bills from his anaché rity. "If I start worrying, it's case to buy products for his just like closing down the

> store," he said. He has, however, made a few changes. After he was robbed in ior would make Mr. Miyaji a his own office last year, he in-Sure stalled some burglar alarms there. And, oh yes, he now takes his attaché case with him when be leaves the car.



ENCOURAGING WORDS — A Ukrainlan officer urging on a tired soldier during a three-kilometer run in full uniform and gear near Bila Tserkva, central Ukraine. The jog is part of a yearly physical training examination.

EGYPT: Islamists Get Jail Terms GINGRICH: Image Gets in Way

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avowal of violence shares the

In September, Mr. Mubarak for the first time began referring uniformed judges sentenced large numbers of Muslim five of the Muslim Brothers to Brothers to the military court on five years hard labor, 40 to three charges of "setting up the organizational structure of the three years in prison. dissolved Muslim Brotherhood law, to urge the obstruction of the law and the constitution."

Brothers to the court, including 16 who had announced their in-... run for Parliament, for a istal of 82.

The defendants' lawyers

subsequently quit the case, calling it a political trial. Annesty

International this week demilitants' goal of an Islamic scribed the defendants as "prisoners of conscience."

Thursday, the panel of three years of hard labor and nine to Among those receiving the

nation vide in violation of the barshest sentences were such prominent Brotherhood figures as Essam Eryan, assistant secretary-general of the Egyptian Last month, Mr. Mubarak referred another batch of Muslim Doctors Association, and Abdelmonein Abdul Futour Abdelhadi, assistant secretarygeneral of the Federation of Arab Doctors. The court acquitted 28 others.

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the same time, we want to say: 'Don't give them ammunition. Don't give them superficial things that they can magnify.

Mr. Shays said he and other Gingrich loyalists had conveyed their concerns to the speaker, urging him to rest more and to focus bis energies on broad strategy instead of day-

to-day tactics. Eddie Mabe, a Republican consultant and longtime friend of Mr. Gingrich's, said: "Anybody who's not worried about it is not being realistic. Having said that, whenever you're on the cutting edge of the fundamental change we're trying to put in place, it was inevitable that he

was going to have this problem. although clearly be's contributed to it with some of his less-

than-wise statements." A CBS News poll released this week showed that only 27 percent approved of Mr. Gingrich's performance in office compared with 59 percent who disapproved, including a plurality of Republicans.

Democrats say they view Mr. Gingrich's public persona as a source of political opportunity. Representative Martin Frost of Texas, chairman of the

Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said. "We've been telling our challengers for some time now that their opponents' middle name is Gingrich."

Europeans Are Shutting the Door Ever Tighter on Asylum-Seekers Last December, a new law established that anyone helping illegal immigrants that the liable to imprisonment. Despite this year that he would half foreign earlier this year.

those who seek to escape from what Juan María Bandrés, president of Spain's commission to help refugees, describes as "a land called hunger.

Several countries have beefed up laws to deter and prevent illegal immigration from outside the European Union. This coincides with the establishment of the Schengen zone, a border-free region that includes five nations and is set to include several more EU members

Last week, Italy, a principal migratory crossroads in Europe, adopted one of the toughest bills in Europe against illegal immigration. It provides for the immediate expulsion of anyone without a residence permit and people committing even minor crintinal offenses. Anyone failing to show a passport risks up to three years in jail. Employers who hire undocumented im-

receive jail terms of up 15 years. Similarly, Britain's Conservative government introduced an asylum and immigration bill last week that aims to establish a list of supposedly safe countries from which all asylum requests will be

considered unfounded. The British government also proposes to bring in prison sentences for anyone biring . illegal immigrants. It goes further by saying that school heads and bospital directors should check on the immigration status of anyone requiring their services. It also proposes 10 make asylum-seekers ineligible for welfare benefits.

The Schengen zone includes Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Spain and Portugal. An asylum-seeker turned away in any one of the member countries is thereafter

banned from all the signatories. The Schengen accord has been signed

its border controls as promised on Jan. I terpreted it in such a way that ordinary because of drug smuggling from the citizens bave been caught in the net. Netherlands and a surge of terrorism at-

France has warned that it may not drop smugglers, some French courts have in-

Thus, a Roman Catholic priest was sen-

In a continent suffering from relative recession and high unemployment, immigration has become an explosive issue that the extreme right has been quick to exploit.

tions. Nevertheless, France has gone even beyond the Schengen agreement in matters

As part of its emergency response to terrorism, the French government recently beefed up its arsenal of legislation against illegal immigration, including the possibility of jail for anyone hiring undocu-

tributed to Algerian fundamentalist fac- tenced to six months in jail for housing a Lebanese student. Last month, a court sentenced a 26-year-old French woman to a suspended three-month prison term for failing to denounce her Congolese fiance to the police. Although the couple had applied to marry, he was banished from France. The Protestant Federation of France announced last month that it would defy the law by continuing to aid foreigners in need, felt by many when he said that Europe

aid to countries that failed to curb emigration. Spain threatened to renege on trade agreements with Morocco unless it controlled the stream of emigrants seeking

to cross the Strait of Gibraltar. In a continent suffering from relative recession and high unemployment, immigration has become an explosive issue, creating a backlash of resentment that the extreme right in France, Italy and some other countries has been quick 10 exploit. Not that opposition to the immigrants is a monopoly of the right - in Italy, the new legislation received unanimous support from all parties in Parliament.

In the Spanish North African enclave of Ceuta last month, resentment against foreigners exploded into violence against hundreds of black asylum-seekers in the city. Mr. Bandrés expressed the frustration

could not accept everyone who came calling at its door, but neither "can we tell a person who is dying nt hunger to remain quietly in his place." The only long-term answer, he said, is a fairer distribution of the world's riches.

Experts say that tougher legislation has not had the intended effect of reducing illegal immigration. Rather, it has had the effect of delivering asylum-seekers into the hands of ruthless professional smugglers and forcing many of them into crime and

The number of undocumented aliens in Europe is a matter of conjecture. But the experts say the way the issue is exploited by certain politicians has created a profound misunderstanding of the nature of immigration.

For example, in France many "immigrants" were born in the country, have lived here all their lives and have no intention or returning to their parents' country. And many immigrants have become naturalized and are legally French.



GUATEMALA BAPTISM — A Mayan high priest baptizing a group of children at Mixco Viejo, north of Guatemala City. Indian elders from across the Americas came to Mixco Viejo this week to pray for world peace.

n Poland's Election, the Church Lost, Too

New York Times Service alvsts and officials of the church say. th 51.7 percent of the vote in a runoff. atinuation of the Communist regime.

resenting "neopagan" values .-

alesa in Poland's presidential election niewski in the last days of the campaign, the adorned with a pin of the Virgin Mary. presented a considerable defeat for the church may have steered more votes away werful Roman Catholic Church, political from Mr. Walesa than toward him, said Marcin Kroi, a Cainolic infelie editor of the monthly magazine Res Publica rarchy had urged its members to vote Nowa. The church's long-term support of Mr. Walesa reinforced his already high negr Communist who won the presidency ative ratings. Mr. Krol suggested, "There was a big percentage of voters who voted for Kwasniewski because of the negative feel-Poland's strict abortion law, which is ings they had about Walesa, and the church's

illy, the church depicted Mr. Kwas- and symbolically identified with the wiski's party, modeled on European so- church. His Solidarity movement was democratic principles, as seeking heavily supported by the church in the before Mr. Walesa became president, Pope dialogue."

Glemp, the head of the Polish Catholic John Paul II met with him as the leader of tended church every Sunday in his home-

Catholic episcopate, Tadeusz Pieronek, ac-knowledged that Mr. Kwasniewski's vic-Before, I might have

Alliance is hostile to the bishops makes me only five," Jackie said. But the feel uneasy and is not a good prognosis for trade hasn't died completely: the future," he said on public television As she spoke, a young Amerduring the election night broadcast.

ki offered an olive branch to the church, saying he wanted "normal relations" with the bishops. In the process of reconciliation that was needed after the divisive election, he said he saw an "important role for the 1980s. During a visit to Poland in 1987, church as an element of moderation and

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Wind Shifts for Okinawa Prostitutes After Furor Over Rape, U.S. Reins In Servicemen

U.S. Lawyers, Challenging

Japan, to Aid Accused GIs

By Doreen Carvajal

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - A group of American lawyers plans to

help defend three American servicemen now on trial for the abduction and rape of a 12-year-old Okinawa girl by chal-

lenging the Japanese investigation that, they contend, may

The three lawyers - Eric V. Ross of Atlanta, Michael J.

Griffith of Southampton, New York, and Charles Beach of

Clinton, Tennessee - have never met their clients, who come

from small towns in Georgia and Texas. Their only direct

information from the servicemen comes from leners and

telephone calls to relatives in which one complained about

The servicemen pleaded guilty earlier this month to con-

spiracy to abduct and rape an Okinawa schoolgirl in a

September incident that has prompted demonstrations and

criticism of the U.S. military presence in Okinawa.

But the U.S. lawyers say the servicemen may have been

pressured to admit their guilt. "An independent investigation

needs to be done into the veracity of their statements," Mr.

The lawyers cite letters bome from Seaman Marcus D. Gill

that were written in September when U.S. military officials

were transporting the men daily to the Japanese police office

in Okinawa for hours of questioning.

In a letter to his wife, Mr. Gill described sitting in a room

with a Japanese investigator for eight hours a day. In a note to

his father, be said the Japanese would not allow a lawyer

present while they were being questioned. Mr. Gill wrote that

he had been 'coached,' that is forced by Japanese officials,

Japanese officials say the lawyers are raising irrelevant

issues since all three servicemen openly pleaded guilty in

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into making statements the way the victims describe."

court to a rape conspiracy charge.

have resulted in coerced confessions.

'coaching' by Japanese investigators.

By Mary Jordan

Washington Post Service - Jackie sat in the glow of a bare red light bulb, staring not into the night along Whisper Alley. She wore a skimpy black yest fined with two blinking red buttons that covered her otherwise exposed breasts. Her tiny room was empty except for a poster of James Dean and, of

course, her sagging bed. American servicemen used to parade down this alley to visit Jackie and the other prostitutes standing in their doorways. For \$20, they would get "what they want" in 15 minutes.

Last week, the U.S. admiral who commanded American forces in the Pacific contributed to the outrage over the rape of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl by suggesting that the three U.S. servicemen who were arrested were "stupid" because they could have hired a prostingte for what they paid for the rental car

used to abduct the girl.
While Admiral Richard C. Macke's insensitive comments inflamed already furious Okinawans and cost him his job. they were accurate in one re-spect: prostitution is cheap and plentiful here.

In the political furor since the September rape, however, military officials have clamped down hard on the behavior of the

guys on a good night, from 6 P.M. to 6 A.M., but now maybe ican knocked on her window and pleaded for a discount. "Eighteen dollars." he said, "eighteen dollars."

Brothels are not new around American military bases. But in Okinawa, where brothels were systematically set up for American soldiers after World War II, cheap sex is particularly easy

During the war, the Japanese OKINAWA CITY, Okinawa military forced women in Korea and China to act as "comfort women" for Japanese soldiers. Apparently fearing the American victors would do the same here, at the end of the war. Okinawan officials made prostitutes available for U.S. sol-

recent books on the subject. Prostitution was outlawed on mainland Japan in 1958, but the ban did not extend to this island until 1972, when the occupying

American forces returned the island to Japan. "There is a long history of prostitution here," said Suzuyn Takazato, an Okinawan legis-

lator and a women's rights acdiers' recreation, according to tivist, as she pointed out the

For example, Club Micky, which features a stripper who

American Gls.

performs with a live boa constrictor and a willing soldier on stage, accepts dollars, prints its cocktail menu in English and discourages locals by doubling the price of a Budweiser or Jack Daniels for those paying in

segregated sex spots, those for

Japanese men, and those for

"During Vietnam, Okinawa was used for R&R," or rest and recreation, said Mrs. Takazato Then, the dollar was stronger against the yen and the Americans had a lot more money. .

Shedrick Williams, 32, an air force staff sergeant who spent five years in Germany before his Okinawan tour, said prostitution was more visible here. But he said most servicemen did not go near hookers and that it was unfortunate that thousands of men had been smeared by the actions of three. One of the accused servicemen has admitted the rape while the other two said they helped abduct the girl..

Carolyn Francis, a member of a women's group in Okinawa protesting prostitution and what she calls other "military violence" against women; said U.S. officials in the past have; cared more about halting the spread of venereal disease than stopping prostitution.

Lieutenant Colonel Stand Gould, a Marine Corps spokes-! military "doesn't condone" prostitution. U.S. officials have taken several measures recently: to rein in carousing soldiers. Prostitution, whether offering sex for pay or soliciting it, is illegal under the Uniform Code. of Military Justice.

Since Oct. 13, the bar and disco area near Gate 2 of Kadena, Air Base, where Club Micky and: Whisper Alley are situated, has been off-limits for U.S. troops, between midnight and 6 A.M.

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mally charging him with sedition instead of simply holding him in secret without accusation of criminal conduct. It is a pathetic and transparent effort to create the illusion that China is a nation governed by the rule of law.

With the Chinese leadership maneuvering for position in the power vacuum created by the long illness of Deng Xiaoping, the favored posture in Beijing these days is reaffirmation of dogma, from relations with Taiwan to the treatment of dissent. Recent meetings between President Jiang Zemin of China and President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore may have eased the tensions that developed in relations earlier this year, but it is now clear that the White House's muted concern about Chinese human rights abuses has only encouraged Beijing

to pursue a Stalinist poticy of repression. Mr. Wei's crime, under the twisted logic of Chinese law, is that he criticized the government for failing to adopt democratic political reforms once promised by Mr. Deng. In democrane countries that is called free expression. In China it is considered an effort to overthrow the gov-

Mr. Wei gave up his work as an electrician and became a political essayist in the late 1970s. He was first arrested then and jailed for nearly 15 years because of

China seems to think it can justify the detention of Wei Jingsheng, the country's most prominent dissident, by forsolitary confinement.

In April 1994, after Mr. Wei resumed his campaign for democracy and Washington dropped the link between China's human rights record and its trade privileges with the United States, he was seized again. Until Tuesday he was held without charge in an undisclosed spot.

Chinese leaders like to lecture foreigners about China's constitution and the rule of law in China, contending that freedom of speecb, publication and assembly are protected and that only crimioal conduct is prosecuted. The point where speech becomes sedicion, of course, is defined by the government, which makes precious little distinction between the two. Like the Soviet masters of illusion, Chinese leaders call tyranny democracy and intimidation freedom.

President Clintoo and his administrauon must speak out clearly and forcefully against the prosecution of Mr. Wei, who seems headed for an inevitable conviction and another long prison sentence. Beijing is betting that American eagerness for a profitable trade relacionship will wear down American concern for human rights. But buying good relations with China at the expense of Mr. Wei and the many other Chinese citizens who seek greater democracy is a deal Washington must decline. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Tax Cuts for the Rich

The chairman of the House's tax-writing committee. Bill Archer, bas defended the fairness of the budget bill Congress passed this week by pointing to his staff's estimates that only about 9 percent of the Republicans' tax cuts would go to families earning over \$200,000, the

richest | percent. The Democrats did not believe the figures, and on Wednesday the Treasury showed why. It estimated that the richest 1 percent would rake in almost twice as much, or 17 percent, of the tax cut. Indeed, under the Republican bill the poorest 20 percent of families, taken as a group, would pay higher taxes as a percentage of their income. The bill would reduce taxes by steadily increasing amounts as family incomes rose. The biggest tax cut would go to the richest families.

Confused? So was Congress when it voted. It relied on misleading estimates by its tax analysts. The Treasury analysis can be challenged, but in the main it followed guidelines that independent economists would agree with. The Treasury figures are solid evidence that the Republican tax cut is heavily weighted toward the rich.

.The Republican distribution tables are distorted in at least four ways. First, they underestimate the benefit to wealthy ingains. The Republicans and the Treasury start off by calculating how much less tax investors would pay under the new, lower rates on the amount of sales they would normally undertake. But the Republican analysis reduces this estimate by the amount of extra taxes investors will voluntarily pay because they decide to sell

off more stocks and bonds than usual. This bizarre reduction makes the total tax savings to investors look small because it treats voluntary tax payments, triggered by a gift from Congress, as a burden.

Second, the estimates ignore the distribution of corporate tax cuts, which help the wealthy more than the poor. Third, Mr. Archer's numbers look only at the first five years of the tax cut. Treasury's estimates calculate the benefit when the taxes are fully phased in. For example, the tax bill gives high-income families the option of depositing money into a new type of tax-advantaged retirement account. Over the next few years, wealthy families might pay more because of this change. But veral years later, they would reap big savings. The Treasury captures these ben-

efits; the Republicans ignore them.
Fourth, Mr. Archer's figures fail to consider the fact that many low-income families would lose rebates they now receive under the earned-income tax credit - a subsidy for low-wage workers. Indeed, according to the Treasury's estimates, almost 8 million low-income families would pay higher taxes under the Republican plan even after taking account of the \$500 child credit and a

bigher standard deduction. The Treasury figures can also be challenged. They, like Mr. Archer, ignore cuts in estate taxes, the benefit of which would go primarily to wealthy families. Impartial analysts can differ whether the Treasury apportioned corporate tax cuts correctly. But overall, the Treasury methodology is much less partisan — and similar to what congressional staffs used to provide.

Besides taxes, the Republican budget poor. Federal spending under current laws would total in the year 2002 about \$2.2 trillion, of which about \$333 billion, or 15 percent, would go to the needy mostly for food stamps, welfare, Medicaid and tax credits for low-paid workers. The Republican budget in 2002 would cut these need-based programs by a whopping 24 percent.

Congress and voters will engage for at least the next several weeks in an intense debate about the merits and demerits of the Republican budget. Before people make up their minds, they need to know unvarnished facts. The Treasury may not have provided the last word, but its word is truer than Mr. Archer's.

-- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Insecurity's Price

Call it scaling back, downsizing or re-engineering: chalk it up to buyouts, mergers, corporate consolidation or high-tech automation: Whatever the reasons, thousands of American workers who once believed they had secure positions and steady incomes are being forced to leave their jobs in mid-career. The short-term stalemate between the president and Republicans cost plenty in federal employee moralc and public confidence. But the human costs of work force changes in the private sector are producing jolts that exceed anything seen

in government, at least thus far. Job security, if not a thing of the past, is rapidly disappearing from the scene. No sector of the U.S. economy is immune. In efficiency's name, job cutting is occurring on the nation's campuses as well as in its corporations, in public schools and public utilities. For young Americans entering the work force, the lack of certainty may not be as much of a problem as it is for middle-age employees. For the laner, switching careers can be and often is a personal and professional crisis.

Technology is making it possible to replace often well-paid workers - men and women who are too young to retire but less mobile and adept at job finding with lower-paid part-time or temporary employees, or with machines.

Layoffs on the scale Americans are witnessing today have other conse-quences. Talent isn't the only thing that leaves. There is also a loss of something else that once meant a great deal in the work force -- employee loyalty. And with that, a price is paid in productivity.

None of this is to say that companies should not cut unnecessary costs - they are obligated to do so. Neither should efficiencies be ignored. Companies do that at their peril.

But the loss of jobs that were once thought to be permanent by people with deep roots in their community is more than a reflection of a rapidly changing economy. It is producing serious stresses in the society that business and public policymakers cannot look past. Insecurily has a price, loo.

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Give Clinton the Power He Needs to Enforce Pact

WASHINGTON — For years, those of us who believed the world had an obligation to stop Serbian aggression in Bosnia favored "lift and strike": First, ift the UN arms embargo that blocked the Bosoians from matching the far superior Serbian firepower, then, strike hard from the air to stop the aggressors while a balance of power was being achieved.

The idea was to get ineffective UN troops out and make possible a peace between military equals. This road was not taken.

Instead, after the hand-wringing by President Bill Clinton and America's NA-TO partners led to intolerable bloodletting, the decision was taken to "strike and peacemake." Airpower was at last used to scare the Serbs to the peace table, and the promise of NATO troops, incloding 20,000 Americans, was made to persuade the Muslims to give up half their country and accept on-site protection.

So here we are. The Clinton administration, acceding to its allies' nail-nibbling demand for American leadership in Europe, has brokered a peace requiring another American expeditionary force.

By so doing, President Clinton has paint-

By William Safire

ed all of us, hawks and doves, into a corner. He made an ill-considered promise in May 1993 - with no public debate or thorough internal review or consultation with Congress — to send U.S. ground troops to carry out what was called the Vance-Owen plan, concocted in a previous era.

Now he tells Americans that unless his 'commitment' of troops is bonored and supported at home, the Balkan camage will begin again, NATO will become a dead letter and the word of the American president will be revealed as worthless.

Unfortunately, that's true. Like it or not. Americans' choice is to go along with him or repudiate and humiliate him. That's Hobson's choice, which is no choice at all.

We'll go along. Why? Because he may be mistaken in his method, but his belated Bosnia activism is not foolhardy, UNsubordinated, mean-spirited or immoral. With luck, it could even work.

Rather than grump about the rejection of "lift and strike," airpower intervenuonists should recognize that Mr. Clin-

ton's policy is better than another year of his demeaning vacillation. Rather than sit back and say to the president. 'Convince Congress and the public should help him refine and define his new policy. In his Monday night speech, he should

declare that if any side hits U.S. peaceenforcers, Americans will not cut and run, as in Lebanon and Somalia. The full division of Americans based in Tuzla will respond with ferocity, even as allies plead for "proportion."

The agreement negotiated in Dayton, Ohio, suggests that the administration at last understands the need to create a balance of power. Mr. Clinton must make clear to Congress that the half of Bosnia that is Muslim-Croatian will have more tanks and artillery and electronics than the part that is Serbian, because the Bosnian Serbs have backup forces in Serbia.

Does that mean we Americans are making peace by building up one side? Yes; we are obligated to build the defenses of the weak, who did not start the war. If, as Defense Secretary William Perry keeps hoping, the aggressors achieve balance by 'build-down,' fine; but let's not count on it. Forget evenhandedness; remember

who the victims were and which entity remains most threatened.

At the same time, the president should make clear to Muslims and Croats that further reliance on Iran is unacceptable. With the embargo lifted, Pakistan and Poland can work out the transfer of former

Soviet arms. Mr. Clinton should emphasize that we expect more war-crimes indictments and will put economic beat on the parties to give up those indicted for trial at The Hague. That goes for one mad psychiatrist and the butcher of Srebrenica as well as individual murderers and rapists.

Should the president ask Congress to authorize this use of troops? That was decided long ago. In a 1993 letter to the Senate majority leader. George Mitchell, Mr. Clinton brought up the possibility of sending an unspecified number of troops to "implement" a peace agreement and said he would "welcome and encourage congressional authorization of any military involvement in Bosnia."

Congress should listen, probe, debate, caution — and then, on Bob Dole's motion, give him the authorization he needs.

The New York Times.

For a Lasting Peace, Bitter Bosnians Must See Justice Done

NEW YORK — The Bosnian peace agreement is rightly being hailed as a triumph for American diplomacy and, with luck, as the beginning of the end of the conflict.

Unfortunately, the second proposition does not follow from The Croatians and President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia

are delighted. But for those who fought and endured terrible hardships to keep the dream of a unitary Bosnian state alive, the accord is little more than the ratification of

Bosnia's defeat. In Sarajevo and across free Bosnia, there is as much bitterness as relief. Many in the army believed the tide of the war was shifting in their favor. This state of mind is an agent of postwar instability.

By David Rieff

all the relief at the prospect of peace, there is an overpowering sense of haviog suffered four years for nothing. Few are likely to celebrate an agreement that effectively ratifies the disappearance of Bosnia as it existed before 1992.

It was in defense of the ideal of a multinational, muldreligious Bosnia that its mainly Muslim people have shed their blood and endured privations.

For all the talk of Islamic fundamentalism, most Bosnians did not fight so their country could turn into a monoethnic state like Serbia or Croatia but for it to survive as something different and better — like the European norm.

After both the army's failure if NATO troops are sent to

Among ordinary people, for to lift the siege of Sarajevo in May and the slaughter in Srebrenica, the Bosnians knew their only alternative was to give in. America wanted peace and was backing away from its commitment to a unitary Bosnian state.

The prospect of being caught between the Serbs and an unreliable Croatian ally while facing a Europe that was largely hostile to them and an indifferent United Nations was terrifying.

Before the Bosnians arrived in Dayton, they knew there was no real alternative to the bumane version of ethnic partition cobbled together by Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke. President Alija Izetbegovic was right to sign.
The question is whether, even

their defeat or see enough tangible benefits in the peace to allow them to see the wisdom of President Izetbegovic's insistence that "this may not be a just peace, but it is more just than a continuation of war.

Peace and the prospective deployment of American troops are the only tangible benefits the Bosnians have received. It is not clear that American guarantees to arm and train the Bosnian forces are hard and fast.

Nor is it clear whether the reconstruction help that Bosnia needs if peace is ever truly to come will really be forthcoming.

Most important, it is not clear how committed the world is to bringing those who committed mass murder at Srebrenica and countless other towns to account. Without the catharsis of

Bosnia, the Bosnians will accept their defeat or see enough tanbeen far more difficult. Without a similar process in Bosnia, it is unlikely the peace deal initialed in Ohio will endure.

For lasting peace, the Bosnians must be reconciled to what befell them while the world watched. Given the bitterness in Bosnia, there must be justice, Without it, there will be no lasting peace, only a lull in the hostilities that will last just as long as America keeps troops in Bosnia.

There are too many Bosnians who, armed and unreconciled, will wait for the moment to take matters into their own hands.

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journalist who frequently writes about Bosnin and Cuba, contributed this comment to The

Budget Showdown Pointed Up the President's Lack of Principle

WASHINGTON — The much heralded, much hyped federal government shutdown came to an end on Nov. 19. On Nov. 17, President Bill Clin-

4 to 6 percentage points overnight. seen his way to a deal. The two events are not unrelated. "The larger geopolitical [sic] point here is that we came out of this week fine," a senior White House official told The Wasbington Post shortly before Pres-

ident Clinton made his deal with the Republicans. "We protected Medicare. We stood for our principles. But no one was sure we would come out of another week as well." It was time, therefore, to call things off.

Here is the Clinton presidency in one paragraph, a presidency that suffers not just from a lack of principles but from a lack of unBy Charles Krauthammer

derstanding of what principles are. Here, after all, is a senior aide crowing about having "stood for ton's approval rating, which had been doing well during the whole minicrisis, began to slip, dropping as the polls turned problematic. principles" so long as the polls were up, and ready to quit as soon

He seems to think principle is six days. And on the seventh, when the polls turn south, you rest. Senator Everett Dirksen once

said, "I live by my principles and one of my principles is flexibil-ity." We can accept that in a poliocian. Flexibility is the mark of any sophisticated politician, for whom cunning and maneuver are part of the job. The difference with Bill Clinton, however, is that cunning and maneuver are the whole job. Nonetheless, it is wrong to say,

as many do, that the president believes in nothing. Mr. Clinton has, it seems to me, a basic and quite genuine desire to do good in the world. This general, generic im-

pulse to improve has animated him throughout his political career and animates him today as president. He does want to bend government and use its power to do good. Mr. Clinton's fundamental

problem, however, is that this is tradictions as betraying anything. ophy: Beyond this inchoate idea of doing good there is just unchartered territory, with no road map. That missing map is what or-

dinary people call principles. Most people generally want to do good. but they have, also, a subset of less mushy, more concrete beliefs: beliefs about what constitutes the good, what means are acceptable for achieving it and what moral duties one has to adhere to those means. These are the stuff of moral obligation, of principle.

For Mr. Clinton this territory is uninhabited. His wild swings from left to right, from New Democrat to old Democrat, from Medicare nects impulse and action: ambi-

cutter to Medicare saver, from tax cut advocate to tax cut opponent and back to tax cut advocate - all these are entirely natural to him. And not just because he is so glib and smooth and articulate and confident. But because fundamentally he does not see these con-

When former Stanley Baldwin of Britain said. "I would rather be an opportunist and float than go to the bottom with my principles around my neck," he was being cynical. But by the very declaration of his need to violate principles. he was acknowledging their claim and validity.

Mr. Clinton, on the other hand, is incapable of cynicism because he has no principles to violate. In picking advisers, he can move from Carville to Gergen to Stephanopoulos to Morris screnely and without disorientation because he has no map. For Mr. Clinton, there is only one thing that con-

tion. Between the impulse to do good and the political action he takes in its name (say, on welfare and Medicare), the only mediating principle is to do what benefits Bill. Whatever advances Mr. Clinton's career (today: whatever ensures his re-election) must necessarily be the right thing to do someone who seeks to do good.

The result is a perfect conflation of self-interest and principle, to the point where Mr. Clinton is genuinely - not cynically - unable to tell them apart. It is no surprise, then, that Mr. Clintoo's aides should see no difference between. polls and principle - indeed, that they should define principle as whatever the polls yield. The rest of us would cringe at such an equation. The Clintonites don't. They pull it off with aplomb and, yes, sincerity because they really believe it. They are, quite literally.

beyond cynicism. Washington Post Writers Group.

Russia's Future Could Well Be Found in Its Far-Flung Provinces

PARIS — Boris Yeltsin has faced many tests during his presidency, but the greatest is soil upon him. The division of political power in Russia between Moscow and the regions remains unsettled and the Kremlin has failed to devise an acceptable soludon. Across the country, regional governors are asserting their autonomy. Can Moscow hold onto its so-called federation?

The answer to these questions is important not just for Russia but for the West as well. Focused on Moscow. Western leaders have little knowledge of the dynamics of local politics in the immense country, with its 89 regions. But this is where Russia's future is being decided.

The devolution of Russian authority is apparent in both the country's economics and politics. One good measure of the power of a ceotral government is its ability to collect taxes. During the Soviet era, 80 percent of all taxes collected went to Moscow, while 20 percent remained in the regions.

Today, the reverse is true. There are also sharp differences in regional artifudes toward -- and acceptance of --Moscow's economic reform policies. Some areas, like Moscow itself, have benefited tremendously from the transition process. But the capital is hardly representative of Russia. Further, the great in-come gaps being created across Russia are hardly conducive to

nation-building.
On the political level, regional governors - who in some of the had to build a strong cenethnic republics call themselves tral government from the ground 'president" - are claiming increasing autonomy over local affairs. This is so especially in the delivery of social services. Previously, many social services, such as housing, kindergartens and medical facilities, were pro-

By Ethan B. Kapstein

vided by local, state-owned enterprises that reported to and were financed by their ministries in Moscow. As privatization proceeds, these enterprises are seeking to transfer their social services to the governments where they are located. While this transfer implies a new financial burden for regional authorities, it is also a source of poliocal power.

Faced with the reality on the ground, President Yeltsin has now accepted the necessity of holding regional elections across the country, whereas in the past he appointed all governors directly. Russia calls itself a federation.

but that does not make it one, and the economic and poliocal facts suggest a different reality. Rather than evolving toward an American-style federal structure, Russia could become a loose "confederation of regions. In a confederation, the con-

stituent states themselves are

sovereign. These states may then

voluntarily establish a central authority with responsibility in such areas as trade, monetary and defense policy. The exemplar of a successful confederation is Switzerland, and the European Union could be described as evolving in this direction. The point is that a confederal structure is not necessarily a bad one. But there are at least two reasons why Russia may not follow this path.

First, the Russian state has been authoritarian for most of its history. Unlike the Americans, who up, the Russians have suffered through czarist and Communist regimes in which almost all decisions over daily life were made in Moscow. Today, many Russians want a more limited form of government.

Second, with the end of the Cold War, Moscow cannot justify the maintenance of a "national security state." The Chechnya war shows just how incompetent the military has become.

What are the implications of this struggle between Moscow and its regions for Russia and the West? First, it is clear that President Yeltsin's effort to establish a strong "presidential" form of government has failed, as an increasing number of decisions are heing made outside of Moscow. To date, Mr. Yeltsin's political strategy has been an ad boc one of playing regions off one other, with the hope of making Moscow the ultimate victor. It hasn't worked, and the president has begun seeking a new bargain with the regions. That bargaining process should be made transparent, and the Russian Parliament must play an active role. The costs and benefits of alternative political

structures need to be debated. Second, this struggle suggests that Russia will remain a patcbwork quilt of a country in terms of economic and poliocal reform. Some regions will seize every opportunity to liberalize and develop local market economies, while others will remain stuck in the Soviet mud. These regional disparities will themselves, of course, make the task of creating a durable federation all the more difficult, if not impossible, as each governor seeks to carve out exceptions — for better or for worse --- to existing national policies. In this respect, the evolving role of regional Parliaments is also an important development to follow. Some have passed or are debating local economic legisla-

yet adopted in Moscow. Third, this struggle means that

Russia will not pose a major mil-itary threat to Europe, casting doubts oo the need for NATO expansion. Moscow has neither the internal authority nor the appeal to an external threat to mar-

shal a major offensive force. Fourth, it points up the need for more foreign assistance to be sent directly to the regions. To date, Moscow bas reaped windfall profits from foreign aid, and few of the incoming funds are spent outside the "riog road" that de-fines the city limits. Indeed, millions have probably gone directly to Swiss bank accounts. If foreign donors wish to make a significant impact on the reform process, they will have to concentrate their efforts on those distant regions where Russia's economic future

still hangs in the balance. Finally, and perhaps most important, it means that Western policymakers should get to know their "counterparts" in regional and local governments across the country. One day, these officials may be the leaders of a whole new series of states, established following the breakup of a transitional political entity that was,

called the Russian Federation. The writer has recently been uppointed director of studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. He contributed this comment to

the International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Far East's 'Key'

PARIS - Who will get Corea?

This is a question that is again brought forward by the Herald's Special Despatch from St. Petersburg. The telegram says that Japan has acknowledged the unconditional right of Russia to hold Corea and Mancburia. That Russia has looked with longing eyes on the "Key of the Far East" is ignored by none who have followed the events in that region. Corea is in truth worth possessing. Its mineral resources are as great as its strategic position is impor-tant. Russia has done everything possible to keep the valuable "Hermit Kingdom" free to fall into her hands in the fullness of

time. Has that time now arrived? 1920: A Mechanic's Will

BOSTON - Mr. Charles Garland, second son of the late James A. Garland, a financier of this city,

of one million dollars left him! under his father's will. He prefers to make his own living as an automobile mechanic rather than accept what he has not earned. He declares that money brings only, unhappiness and unrest.

1945: Korea Partitioned

PARIS -- [The Herald says in an

editorial:] Although months have, passed since the end of the war in Asia, there is still no sign that a, beginning has been made toward. solution of the problems of Korea. The country still is split into two parts, with Russian armies in control of the industrial north and American troops in the agricul-. tural south. There has never been a reasonable excuse for this arrangement, which divides a homogenous people. It is creating new political problems. The Koreans are being indoctrinated with Communistic ideas in the north and with theories of the Western. bas refused to accept the bequest democracies in the south.

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OPINION/LETTERS

When History No Longer Tells a Story, Students Close the Book

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

WASHINGTON — American rative," a story line that makes an intelligible tale of the past. lines only when hapless schoolchildren perform badly on an achievement or assessment test, as they did on tests recently sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, But it is an adult problem too.

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See Justicely

Why do Americans tend, with notable exceptions, to be poor students of history? Some years ago I ventured a not very original theory:
"The United States, in certain striking ways, has been exempt from the harsher penalties of history, which Gibbon called 'a register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind.' Most civilizations learn in a hard school to view present events as portending calamity;

accordingly they scan the past for precedents and keys to understanding and avoidance. But calamity has not been the common American ex-perience. Plagues, bombing, famine, mass displacement of populations, holocaust: these tragic in-structors of mankind, even in our

century, are happily lacking."
In the 20 years since I wrote that, not much has changed.

There are spiendid American historians, professionals like David H. Donald, Arthur S. Link and C. Vann Woodward, and gifted amateurs like David McCullough. But many historians now pursue academic fads: "sociological history," psychohistory, Cliometrics, ry," psychohistory, Cliometrics, all of them in some ways devices for evading the primary historical function of creating a "master nar-

intelligible tale of the past.

Indeed, no one seems confident any longer of which cultural landmarks and achievements are worthy of study. The 1992 Columbus quincentenary, for instance, became a bizarre self-parody of academic faddishness, an orgy of assault upon the European age of discovery. It was generally dis-missed as an episode in the exploitation of the noble savage.

When they are not patronizing the past, professional historians pursue microscopic social trivia. A conviction has emerged that the truths of historical experience are more readily to be captured from the study of "ordinary" lives — how people cooked and seasoned their food, or dressed, or buried their dead - than from the study of heroic or creative endeavor. The individualism that once formed the staple of historical

narrative has gone.. History today is egalitarian so-cial history when it is history at all. But there is no evidence that this trend engages the imagination of

the young.

For all these and other reasons history, when taught at all, tends to be poorly taught. It is the exceptional history teacher who communicates its intrinsic drama or the point that while facts are vital, history is not the amassing of facts, but an inquiry into the transformations by which one age gives way to another.

It is useful to know who Gutenberg was and when he lived; hut



history begins when you ask what his invention of moveable type had to do with the Reformation. It is useful to know the chemistry of gunpowder, but history begins when you ask what this medieval

Chinese import had to do with the collapse of feudal society. It belps to know how a steam engine works; but history begins when you ask what it contributed to commerce

These and thousands of other such questions are the real stuff of history. How anyone can find them less than fascinating I can't imagine. Can you?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hong Kong's New Airport

A remark attributed to me in "Hong Kong's New Airport" (Oct. 30) may leave an unfortunate, unintended impression with readers.

During an interview, I commented on bumankind's overall impact on the earth, based on my personal on the earth, based on my personal observations during 300 earth orbits as the first civil engineer to fly in space, on two U.S. space shuttle missions. In the article, this was interpreted as denigrating Hong Koog's environmental regulations.

This is emphatically not the case. As consultant project manager, I support the Hong Kong government's approach to the project, and believe that shifting air traffic from congested Kai Tak to the new Chek Lap Kok site will provide a major environmental benefit for Hong Kong and the Pearl River area.

JAMES D. A. van HOFTEN. Hong Kong.

The EU and Money

Regarding "A Europe Marching to Bonn's Tune on Currency" (Nov.

The latest proposals regarding the European monetary union and a single currency, as put forward by German finance minister, Theo Waigel, are a blatantly undemocratic attempt to dictate to the other 14 member states what the political and economic landscape of Europe should

look like into the millennium.

To tighten the "convergence cri-teria" of the Maastricht Treaty by trying to impose economic conditions that at best only a quarter of the member states can aspire to fulfill, is to condemn the European Union to a two- or three-tier system that loses all its original meaning. Mr. Waigel's proposed "stability pact" would produce exactly the opposite effect. KARL H. PAGAC.

Villeneuve-Loubet, France. Regarding "Waigel Seeks Fines for Deficits" (Nov. 11):

Fining countries that have deficits exceeding the guidelines of the Maastricht treaty is not a good idea. It will only lead the leaders of those

countries to succumb to their kneejerk reaction to deficits and pile on more taxes to pay for the deficit and the fine. The taxpayers and the economy will suffer doubly for the foibles

of the leaders.

Why not take fiscal and monetary powers away from the politicians and put the country under a special committee of the EU or its central bank to reorganize the finances as we do now with companies that need to be reorganized? Too bad the treaty can't be renegotiated to limit

> STANLEY RODBELL St. Cannat, France.

Roy Denman ("Central and East Europeon Candidates Will Have to

Do Better," Opinion, Nov. 1) writes that the East and Central European countries should be admitted to the EU only when "their economies are self-sustaining and competitive with the West." He cautions against early membership because it would cost the EU too much. Yet this is true only if current EU structural policies are extended to the applicant countries without being changed to accommodate a larger and more diverse Union.

If Western Europe has an interest in EU enlargement, it is wholly unreasonable to shift the hurden of adjustment entirely onto Central and Eastern Europe. JOCHEN LORENTZEN.

Siena, Italy.

Gifts for That Fetishist On Your Holiday List

By Maureen Dowd

meant for the guy who lives down the hall.

Now she's too scared to return it. The Christmas catalogue from the Edge Co. is not your usual offering of cherub candlesticks and cat tapestry tote bags. It features leg irons, Viper rifle crossbows, me-

MEANWHILE

dieval axes, Iroquois tomahawks, kung fu throwing knives, South African commando bayonets, Hitler Youth daggers, a book on the "Secrets of Lock Picking," and a "Screaming Hot Venom" pepper gas guaranteed to drive off "grizzly bears, drunks, dope-heads and excellence." and osychotics.

The last page offers videos on "How to Meet Women Easily" and "What Womeo Really Want." "She's out there waiting for you," the catalogue promises consumers of lock-picking devices and leg irons.

Catalogues, some stranger than others, are coming like Hitchcock's hirds, one or two at first, then a steady trickle, finally an inescapable, menacing torrent.

They are full of shiny junk. Or. if you believe Ralph Lauren, they are full of personal statements about our dreams. Or, if you believe Cher, they are full of "wondrous things that defy the mysteries of the ages." Or. if you believe J. Peterman, they are full of things that have a "factual romance" about them.

I like catalogues. They're like safe sex for shopping. You look through and see something you want and turn down the page, and then you never get around to sending for it. Some stuff you just have to have, though, like the Limited Edition ties based on Frank Sinatra paintings in the Danna Michaels catalogue. (It's only a matter of time before LeRoy Neiman makes records.)

Some catalogues are sternly ecological. Patagonia's copy might have been written by Al Gore, It instructs customers to buy fewer clothes and to give old clothes to charity. "Our shredded, ungiveable clothes can live on as rags," it says.

Some are spiritually materialistic.

'Collections of the Vatican Museums" sells stained glass decanters and a money clip with a picture of St. Peter's Square. Some are altruistic. Besides sell-

ing turquoise jewelry and "Indian

WASHINGTON — My friend munchkin" Christmas ornaments, mistakenly got a catalogue in the Southwest Indian Foundation the mail the other day that was asks customers to buy a food basket

for 6-year-old Emily Manygoats. Catalogues are not only philosophy. They are also anthropology. This will be remembered as the era of gargoyles, fish-shaped objects and T-shirts with stupid sayings, of-ten about fish. ("Kiss my bass.") No one reads books anymore, but literature is not decor. There are fake libraries everywhere, hiding TV remole controls, compact disks, tissue boxes and decanters. A ubiquitous literary item is also a ubiquitous staple of Newt Gingrich's wardrobe

a silk tie of stacked books. Catalogues can be escapist enteratioment, the "Purple Rose of Cairo" trick of experiencing a more glamorous life while sitting still. You can join Cher in her "Sanctuary" catalogue, featuring interior design for the luxurious dungeon.

I like catalogues. They're like safe sex for shopping.

You can go to Neiman Marcusland and pretend you're sporting an \$11,000 cat-and-teddy-bear charm bracelet, a \$3.995 lynx jacket and a \$65,000 antique tiara with 687 diamonds weighing 40 carats, and belting double old-fashioneds in Baccarat crystal, carrying a Judith Leiber minaudière in the shape of a jeweled serpent and sashaying in a white marabou bolero.

You can go 'shopping après-ski' in Vail, skimming through the Golden Bear catalogue, fantasizing about what it would be like to lounge. around the lodge in a mink headwrap and a recycled hlack ruhber BMW backpack, while your beloved swigs Armagnac from a \$560 sterling silver flask.

Who are these people? The downscale catalogues are the last refuge of surrealism. Who can resist reindeer antlers that fit on a cat's head, a hiker jacket for a dog, sunglasses with Elvis sidehums, a. Santa cap with dreadlocks, and a golf beret "crafted from turf-like material to look and feel just like a putting green and featuring a miniature flag pole and plastic golf ball"?

I turn these pages and helplessly I reach for the phone. But I'm in luck. My credit card is denied.

The New York Times.

TREE OF HEAVEN By R.C. Binstock, 212 pages.

\$22. Soho. THE TENT OF

ORANGE MIST

By Paul West. 263 pages. \$22.

Reviewed by Wendy Law-Yone

THESE two novels have more than history as a common backdrop. Both take place in the shadow of the 1937 Japanese invasion of Nanking; both have at their center the relationship between Japanese officer and a captive Chinese woman; both examine the violation of women by conquering armies. Yet the two books are so different in style,

R.C. Binstock's "Tree of Heaven" is a sensitive, subdued, expertly crafted first novel about a Japanese officer left house that serves as the offiin charge of a provincial garrison town and a local woman he rescues, then continues to

BOOKS

Margo Power, editor and

ly Whitney.
"This is Whitney's second
mystery with her lke and Abby series characters. Their witty byplay often makes me laugh while the stark reality of New



protect, from the savagery of

A decent family man, a voice, sensibility and approach that one could just as well be reading about two historically and psychologically unrelated

> cer's quarters, the doomed pair slowly get to know each other

WHAT THEY BE BEADING

York City's homeless tugs at



his fellow soldiers.

publisher of Murderous Intent "Until the End of Time" by Pol-

my heartstrings. "
(Brad Spurgeon, IHT)

then as lovers - while living in

sion and compassion.

In its refined language, its

focus on interior rather than ex-

Although in this case a real and

horrific event frames the central

love story, although time and

place are exactly identified, al-

though the stamp of historical

accuracy is on every second page, the novel has the same

the bloody invasion. The Japanese officer in this case has

little to recommend him. A de-

praved brute, he turns the villa

botanist by profession, the officer, having participated in the horror of the Nanking invasion, is "saturated with disgust" debut also his lover from her own people in the village, and him-self and her from his bored, spite his contempt for the Chinese enemy. The woman he takes in is a wary survivor, expecting the worst after all she has seen, but determined to live by deadening herself to fear and

In the abandoned school-

girl he has violated and corrupted, into a luxury bordello (the Tent of Orange Mist).

Scald Ibis) sinks to ever-lower Trapped in hostile territory, the officer must defend oot only the camp from guerrilla attacks goes about her business as a frustrated, sullen men. The woman knows that her safety is tenuous and her future hleak. Yet in the face of (or perhaps because of) such hopelessness. the two find refuge in love, dis-covering and healing each other imagine.
The characters seem befudthrough its transforming pas-

on them. An officer rapes young women with bottles, then sets their pubic hair on fire, terior detail, its quality of fable,
"Tree of Heaven" recalls J.M.
Coetzee's "Waiting for the
Barbarians" and David Malouf's "An Imaginary Life." really care — and the reader is basically told to shut up and eat his spinach with statements like: 'How much of this Scald Paul West's "The Tent of Orange Mist" takes place in Nanking itself, in the thick of

Wendy Law-Yone, the outhor of the novels "Irrawaddy Tango" and "The Coffin Tree," wrote this for The Washington of the heroine, an aristocratic Post.

- first as servant and master.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

WRITTEN by a top-rank-or player, "Points, Schmoints! Marty Bergen's Winning Bridge Secrets," consists mostly of pithy advice to improve the reader's game, but the author occasionally strays into sheer entertainment, as on the diagramed deal. It occurred in the 1983 Spingold Knockout Team Championship, and he held the East cards. His team was trailing, and he was in the mood for desperate measures. Instead of a totally normal

pass, he made the weird opening of two diamonds. In his methods this purported to show a weak two bid in spade, and his suit as far short of the normal requirements in length and strength even at favorable vulnerability - and this was unfavorable. Such wild experiments usually end in disaster, but this one

resulted in a triumph. South was

no-trump, rather than three North naturally raised to three no-trump, having no fear what-ever of a spade lead. West, says Bergen 'cleverly avoided a spade lead" and tried the di-

amond jack with a happy outcome: the defense took the first North-South were horrified to

find that they had good play for a slam in a black suit. But in the replay Bergen's teammate picked the wrong slam. Six spades would have been unbeat-able, in spite of the trump split, and the actual slam in six clubs was defeated by a diamond lead and a spade ruff, it is curious that the 5-0 spade division is no prob-lem to the declarer in spades, but is fatal if South played in clubs and finds a normal trump split.

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depths of degradation, her disappeared father, an eminent scholar, returns to their house in secret. (He, no less surprisingly, is called Ho.) This haughty mandarin takes up residence in the chimney, where he kills time by playing with an old piece of bubble gum and whispering to his daughter through a crack in the screen. Eventually he crawls out of hiding to work for the resident Japanese officers by posing as a houseboy, while his daughter cheerfully madam. As if this were not preposterous enough, Scald Ibis entertains her fellow "comfort women" during their free time with wickedly dull accounts of an obscure Jesuit missionary's career in the Far East. A more bizarre way of boosting employee morale would be hard to

As the unfortunate girl (with

dled by the nonsense imposed but "why he did it he could not have said." He also enjoys sticking postage stamps on a girl's oaked body. But "why [he] doted on it would be hard to say." Nobody seems to be sure what exactly is going on -or to

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Nothing replaces the written word.

By Christine Chapman

OKYO — Once upon a time, wheo the dollar was golden and the yen inconsequential, travelers to Japan lived well, using their pocket calculator only when the zeroes ran on too long. To lay the dollar is trying to maintain a value of 100 yen and the calculator is archaic. It is too simple to figure out what bridge spanning the Chicago River. Hinode things are worth when 100 yen is \$1. But it's still possible to see the world's most expensive city without breaking the bank,

See Tokyo as touring Japanese do who hunt out the famous site, the beautiful temple, the nostalgia of old neighborhoods. Enjoy simple rites like flower-viewing without giving up sophisticated tastes like sake or the theater. Join the Japanese in savoring the rewards of frugality. Here are a few, all under \$10.

Start first in Asakusa at Sensoji Temple



with the Japanese. When they lour the capital, they head for the ancient temple, first completed in 645, then rebuilt in 1958, to say their prayers, buy a fortune, and waft smoke from the temple's censer to the weakest part of their body for a cure. Elderly women wave it to their hips, students to their head. Unless you buy a 100-yen whitepaper fortune (usually good), written in Japanese, to hang from a rack in the temple, or a 500-yen package of rice crackers, the sightseeing is free and the atmosphere live-The temple compound is close to

Asakusa Station on the Ginza subway line. To return to the center of Tokyo, take River Commuter station where a 560-yen ticket carries passengers along the river,

about the prewar Snmida and its villages is oo longer apparent in the high-rises that line the banks. They tower above the handful of tiled-roof wooden houses that remain. The pleasure of the trip is seeing the life on the water and passing under the 11 bridges that span it, each architecturally different. Azuma, the oldest and most famous, is 200 years old, rebuilt of course;. the Kachidoki was modeled after a split



Pier, near Hamamassucho station on the Japan Railways Yamanote line, is the end of the trip. There you can get a train back to a station near the Ginza.

 To try Japan's national drink, the traditional rice wine sake, go to the Japan Sake Center at 5-9-1 Ginza Doru, or Avenue near the Nissan showroom and across the street from Mitsukoshi department store. At the center young women serve five different types of sake for 500 yen. It is closed Thursdays and holidays. Hours 10:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. The subway stop is Ginza on the Hibiya or Ginza lines.

 Continue up Ginza Dori a few blocks to the Kabuki-za, the glorious theater where the Hibiya line. a single act from a full length Kabuki drama



a 45-minute cruise along the Sumida River. costs from 600 to 900 yen, depending on About a 5-minute walk from Sensoji is the the running time. In September one could choose a scene from a melodrama about 12th-century warrior clans, a love scene in the city's main thoroughfare when Tokyo which Prince Genji was caught between was still Edo (1603-1868). The poignancy two paramours, a living one and a ghost, or evoked by the writer Kafu Nagai's stories all of "Scarface Yosaburo," about a gen-

teel young man whose body is slashed up by boodlums because he fell in love with a gangster's girlfriend. The costumes and stage techniques are justly famous, the pace is slow, but the extravagant emotions carry the day. Tickets are available at the box office each day immediately before the performance. The disadvantage of the cheap tickets is climbing up four flights of stairs to the balcony. The advantage is the best seat in the house for a panoramic view of the extensive stage. (Buying a ticket for the entire program, priced from 2,500 yen to 16,000 yen, enables renting earphones with an English translation.) Kabuki-za is



above the Higashi-Ginza subway station on

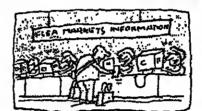
 To put old Edo and modern Tokyo into historical perspective, a visit to the Edo-Tokyo museum is a must. Built in a vast contemporary structure, the space, uncrowded and arranged chronologically. well serves an ambitious project: to preserve the city's 400-year-old history and to educate and entertain Japanese and foreigners. Original artifacts, old books and prints, scale-model reproductions of the early Ginza. an elaborate merchant establishment, the Rokumeikan pleasure palace. where upper-class Japanese learned to entertain foreign diplomats, educators and engineers from 1883-1889, are all fascinating. Most spectacular are the 55 largescale replicas, including the Nihonbashi Bridge, a newspaper office, a split row

front suggest the poverty of an urban people. Reminders of the 1923 Great Kanto earthquake pale beside exhibits of the World War II destruction of the city. A video of the March 10, 1945, air raids with sound and commentary runs regularly and replicas of soldiers selling or shopping at Shinjuku Station's black market are light years away from the proud display of one of the first 14-inch television sets. an early



refrigerator, a rice cooker, the first Subaru. An afternoon or a day at the Edo-Tokyo Museum costs only 500 yen for adults, and nothing for those 65 or over. Take the Japan Railways Sobu line to Ryogoku station. The museum is behind the easily recognized, green-roofed Sumo stadium,

 For a glance at the real thing, an intact neighborhood that reflects the old shitomachi, the downtown, or what the writer Edward Seidensticker calls the Low City, go to Yanaka, the temple lown of Tokyo. It survived the earthquake and 1945 well enough to give the visitor a sense of prewar living. Many old temples surround one of the city's largest cemeteries and so do narrow lanes, where the latticed facades of wooden houses are out of the past. Note the shops of craftsmen, makers of paper food baskets, pottery, ivory and steaming soba, buckwheat noodles. Take the Japan Rail



house, a Kabuki stage. Real objects from Yamanote line to Nipport and head up the shrine that honors Emperor Meiji (1868in the row house with its small shop out through the grounds observing the occasional pint-sized bottle of sake besides the



flowers, for thirsty spirits. In a few minutes the lane opens to an enclave of temples where the screnity is free. (A bowl of noodles may cost from 500 to 1,000 yea.)

· Weekend flea markets are an entertaining source of souvenirs and affordable antiques. Treasures in a Sunday fair include piles of used silk kimonos and obi. the long, wide brocade sashes, odd pieces of porcelain and pottery, small furniture, Japanese dolls, records, pictures, and plates commemorating famous sumo wrestlers or the marriage of Charles and Di. Try Togo Shrine, Nogi Shrine, or the steps of the Roi building in Roppongi. There are several others. For dates, times and directions check the free monthly Tour Companion newspaper or visit the Tourist Information Center on Harumi Dori, opposite the American Express Office.



 The great outdoor sport in October and November is chrysanthemum-viewing. Forget the garden variety: the kiku is the imperial flower featured on the royal crest, Those on display are as tall as human beings. Bright and subtle colors and inspired heights reveal a manic artistry. For 300 yen the garden at Meiji Shrine, before the entrance to the sacred precinct, presents private viewing in a woodsy, lakeside setting. Continue on 10 the famous Shinto

ordinary lives like the meager furnishings slope to the cemetery on the left. Walk 1912) of the 1868 Meiji Restoration that brought Japan out of feudalism and into the international arena. For both flowers and shrine get off at Harajuku station on the Japan Rail Yamanote line or at Meiji-Jingumawe on the Chiyoda subway line. Follow signs to the garden and shrine. (The flowers can be seen earlier in the season, for free, at Asakusa's Sensoji Temple, mid-October to mid-November: and Hibiya Park in the center of Tokyo. near the Hibiya station on the Hibiya line, most of November.)

· While in the royal mode, join the joggers or walkers along the outer mosts that enclose the Imperial Palace grounds. Start at the Hibiya Moat, only two blocks from the Tourist Information Center and Hibiya station, and go east to the East Garden, no



entrance fee, or west along Uchibori Dori and the Sakurada Moat, which protects the actual palace. You won't see the royals out pruning the trees, but you may catch sight of their gardeners at the gatehouses.

• Another pretty pleasure for frugal

travelers is autumn moon-viewing or tsukimi. Sitting on the wide porch of a traditional house is preferred, but leaning out the hotel room window on a moonlit night is all right too. The custom was to catch the moon, or moonlight itself, in a cup of sake and go to bed happy.

A final thrill for tourists who can moonview at home is suddenly to see the elusive Mount Fuji. Continue to glance south-southwest. Fuji is spectacular. In 1889 the British landscape painter Alfred East did not see it. He went home in a pout, saying: "Japan without Fuji is like lacquer that lacks lac." Good Japanese lacquer is very pretty and not cheap. Fuji-San is magnificent and free.

Christine Chapman, who lived in Japan for many years, recently returned from three weeks in Tokyo, solvent.

Get Shorty

Directed by Barry Sonnenfeld.

feld's bright new movie, but here that Chili is a die-hard also Leonard himself. The au- cineaste and loves reminiscing thor's sardonic voice has been about smart, stylish tough-guy lost in most films based on his films he has enjoyed. "Get fiction, but this one nicely cap- Shorty" belongs oo that list. tures that unruffled Leonard au-

thority. And since "Get Shorty" is about Hollywood, it **Goldeneye** invites the sneaky self-mockery that gives this film its comic punch. Joining "Clueless" and clever Hollywood satire with an they used to. But no one seems

(Janet Maslin, NYT) Directed by Martin Campbell.

enlightened sense of fun, "Get to have debriefed James Bond, Shorty" finds a terrific ensem- In "Goldeneye," an entertainble cast - including Gene ing collision of old values and Hackman, Rene Russo and new, the latest Bond (Pierce If you'd like to know who Chili Danny DeVito - in a typical Brosnan) is still a dashing ras-Palmer is, he has a fine answer. Leonard, success, story. When cal in a tuxedo, defending "I'm the one telling you how it opportunity knocks for any of queen and country from megais." That describes not only the the small-time operators he lomaniacal psychotics, but audience response, for inno-baloney hero of Elmore writes about, it tends to bring never too busy for a little ladyLeonard's "Get Shorty," mind-boggling complications by liling. Oh, this movie pretends guys through downtown (1991), shot in close to tackle the politics. M, Moscow in a tank. New Bond "Corridor" (1994), in black to tackle the politics. M. John Travolta in Barry Sonnen- schemes. It's part of the joke Bond's imperious boss at MI6, man Brosnan can't be faulted and white, his vision has dark-But she's seen as a bumorless, cobwebby bean-counter, rather than the new spirit of liber-To Die For as one more Men can no longer carry on as ly informs 007 that his filirone could hope for.

tatious comments are grounds sexual harassment. "What's the penalty?" he asks. "You'll have to act on all your innuendos," she says. At Lithuania. the most basic, crowd-pleasing level, "Goldeneye" (Bood ble again. Russian military mastermind want to destroy the

is now a woman (Judi Dench), for much. He's always been who takes a withering view of generically sexy, a sort of pro-Bond's sexual shenanigans, grammed cover boy. In this new venture, be's appropriately handsome and suave. He doesn't have a soul to speak of. ation. There's another politi- But then again, not everyone cally correct moment when can be Sean Connery. And giv-Miss Moneypenny (an old en the inevitability of sequels character played by a new ac- and new blood, he's as dynam-

Directed by Sharanus Bartas.

These two almost speechless producer-for-life Albert Broc- films, out of a country that coli's 17th) does the trick. Nat- barely produces movies, make urally, the world's in big trou- an astonishing apparitioo; the young director who shot them renegades and a mysterious in the wasteland of Kaliningrad and in the somber halls of a London financial market with collective apartment house, is

state-of-the-art electromagnet- talked about as a new Tarkovic satellite zappers. Bond needs sky. Yet Sharanus Barras to identify the saboreurs and, as evokes a godless universe that usual, fight his way out of a looks like Brueghel's winter plethora of tricky, breathtaking landscapes. He composes narsituations. In a scene that's rative as a mosaic blanketed likely to produce the loudest across a post-Soviet disaster

> ened. The camera rushes through ruins, distant sounds seep through bomb-scarred buildings, while outside, fires rage in the night, frozen rivers gleam. Lost young people run and halt, limp and lean on each other, prematurely aged. Then comes a moment when music hreaks out: They dance, drink and spin with bacchanal abandon. Ghostly couples merge (Desson Howe, WP) and dissolve, love is fugitive, for nothing can thrive on such impoverished soil, but at the end, a mysterious change has visited the scene. Katerina Golubeva is the intense focus of both films; she has a face that captures light and promises

better things for this hlighted

world.



(Joan Dupont, IHT) Clockwise from left: Russo, Travolta, Hackman and DeVito, the stars of "Get Shorty."

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The Case for Sharing a Private Jet

By Roger Collis ational Herald Tribuna

EW people would claim that riding their own business jet is the cheapest way to get around. And it may not sound like a very good in-vestment to the stockholders at a time when you are slashing travel costs and laying off staff. But you may be able to justify the cost of a one-eighth or one-quarter share of a business jet through a novel time-sharing program called "fractional ownership,"

Bargains abound, thanks to the recession, but it's unlikely that you'll find a suitable plane for less than \$1 million; you'll probably have to pay between \$2 million and \$4 million.

: A Cessna Citation 11, the entry level for a jet, costs from around \$1 million (used) to \$2.6 million new; a faster jet like a Lear 31A will cost up to \$5 million, and longer range jets like a Lear 60 or Falcon 2000, a Guifstream or a Challenger will cost from \$10.5 to \$17 million and beyond.

Then you're faced with hiring your own crew and maintenance people, or paying a management company to operate your plane. So when the chairman wants it for the security analysts meeting, it is either out percent are private individuals, 50 percent for charter or grounded for maintenance.

Strasbourg and back at £1,500 an hour will cost around £3,500; hardly a steal when you compare it with the round-trip business class fare of £420. It only makes sense if you take half-a-dozen colleagues along.

But you would arrive faster than a sched-

but there is no other way you could do this. five years — so you can use, say, 70 hours jets."

Similarly, a day-trip from Cannes to this year and 125 next year."

Hamburg and Zurich and back would cost "We came into fractional ownership as look-alike program to Netlet, but reluc-68,000 francs (about \$13,600) — 13,600 a manufacturer of Learjets and Challengers francs per head if there are five of you.

your time and the opportunity to take trips that you couldn't otherwise and to run on your own schedule — especially in forays into Russia, Africa or China. Plus the lack of stress, being able to work or relax, meet with associates in privacy, and the blessed freedom from the misery of megahubs. What price do you put on that? Whether to acquire a business jet often comes down to an act of faith -- an entrepreneurial rather than a spreadsheet decision. A rule of thumb is that it is only worthwhile if you need it to fly more than 350 hours a year. But it is the intangible benefits that make the most tangible case.

Fractional ownership is a novel com-

egal title and access to a certain number of hours a year. You pay a monthly management fee, which covers fixed costs ngar space, insurance, maintenance, crew salaries - plus so much an hour for the actual time you are in the air. There is no charge for deadhead legs (positioning flights), which can double the cost of a charter. You are guaranteed availability of your plane, or a similar plane in the fleet. wherever you are, at four to six hours notice. You have a guaranteed buy-back of your capital asset at "fair market value;" typically after five years.

We were first with fractional ownership with our NetJet program in 1987,"

The Frequent Traveler

says Kevin Russell, senior vice presideot of Executive Jet Inc. in New Jersey. "It grew very slowly at first; but as we began to come out of the recession in 1991/92, the idea started to take off, and revenue has grown 50 percent a year from 1992 to

We have 300 owners right oow - 30 are private companies and the rest are large Chartering a Citation 11 from London to public corporations who use NetJet to supplement their existing corporate fleets.

"NetJet serves a very broad niche. If you fly between 70 and 400 hours a year you might want to think about fractional ownership - less than 70 hours, it's better to charter. However, we do have NetJet ownuled flight and be back (if you must) in time ers who only fly 50 hours and own a onefor hmch. Take in Maastricht and Vienna on the way to Strasbourg and you can still return the same day. This may cost about £6,000, You have a bank of time — 500 hours over

to expand the market for people who really need a business jet but cannot justify owndown to bow much you value company of American Airlines, in Dallas. 'In the States there are 5,000 jets owned by 3,500 companies or individuals. But there are more than 50,000 companies with an-

With Christmas a month away, Coca Cola is sending eight of its classic Santa Claus paintings to the Louvre. Cultural imperialism for sure, but they won't hang with the Mona Lisa. The Santas drinking soda pop will be part of a show on advertising in the underground mall.

promise. You buy, say, an eighth- or a nual sales of more than 25 million dollars, quarter-share of a plane in which you have

That's a lot of people out there who need to be on the move and in touch with far-flung operations, suppliers or customers. If you're going anywhere other than to the major hubs, you end up having to make connections. It's all about time."

Business Jet Solutions' FlexJet program offers multiples of one-eighth shares over five years in three types of plane: Learjet 31A, Learjet 60, and Challenger 601-3R for a minimum of 100 hours per year. A oneeighth share of a Learjet 31A costs \$700,000 purchase price, \$5,500 a month and \$1,500 for each hour you fly. You can trade up or down between types of plane as your needs

change.
"FlexJet is cheaper than buying your own plane if you fly less than 500 hours a year and cheaper than your own used plane at about 300 hours a year," Gillespie says. "Charter is tough to compare because it depends on exactly how you fly. If you're just going straight out and back from a major center without deadhead legs and standby charges, charter will be cheaper every time. You're looking at \$1,500 an hour to charter a Learjet 31A. Assuming 100 occupied hours a year just going out and back, that's \$750,000 over five years which is cheaper than FlexJet."

XECUTIVE Jet plans to launch NetJet in Europe in the first quarter of 1996 in a marketing alliance with Zimex Aviation in Zurich, "Several U.S. companies have asked for the program over there so we're going to start positioning some Citations in Europe,' Russell says. "We're also looking at the Middle East and Asia. In China, for example, there's a big demand for business

tantly pulled out earlier this year," says Tony Mack, chairman of Air London, the largest charter broker in Europe. "I think OU'I.L never justify the cost of a business jet by how much you save in airline tickets. It comes

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Bombardier Business Jet Solutions, a sister problems of owning a plane; a German, problems of owning a plane; a German, Swiss, Belgian and a Brit all wanting it taxallowable.

"Charter, thoogh, is growing fast as the recession fades. Our profits were up 68 percent last year and we arranged 5,000 charters for about 500 clients all over the world; about 44 percent of our business is overseas. Companies - and travel agencies - are now looking at the 'total travel solution' and charter may be part of that. How else do you get from North Dakota to Florence except by a combination of scheduled and charter? People fly out to Hong Kong oo a nice scheduled carrier, then pick up a business jet and fly around China for a week. Some things you can't do by conventional means,"...

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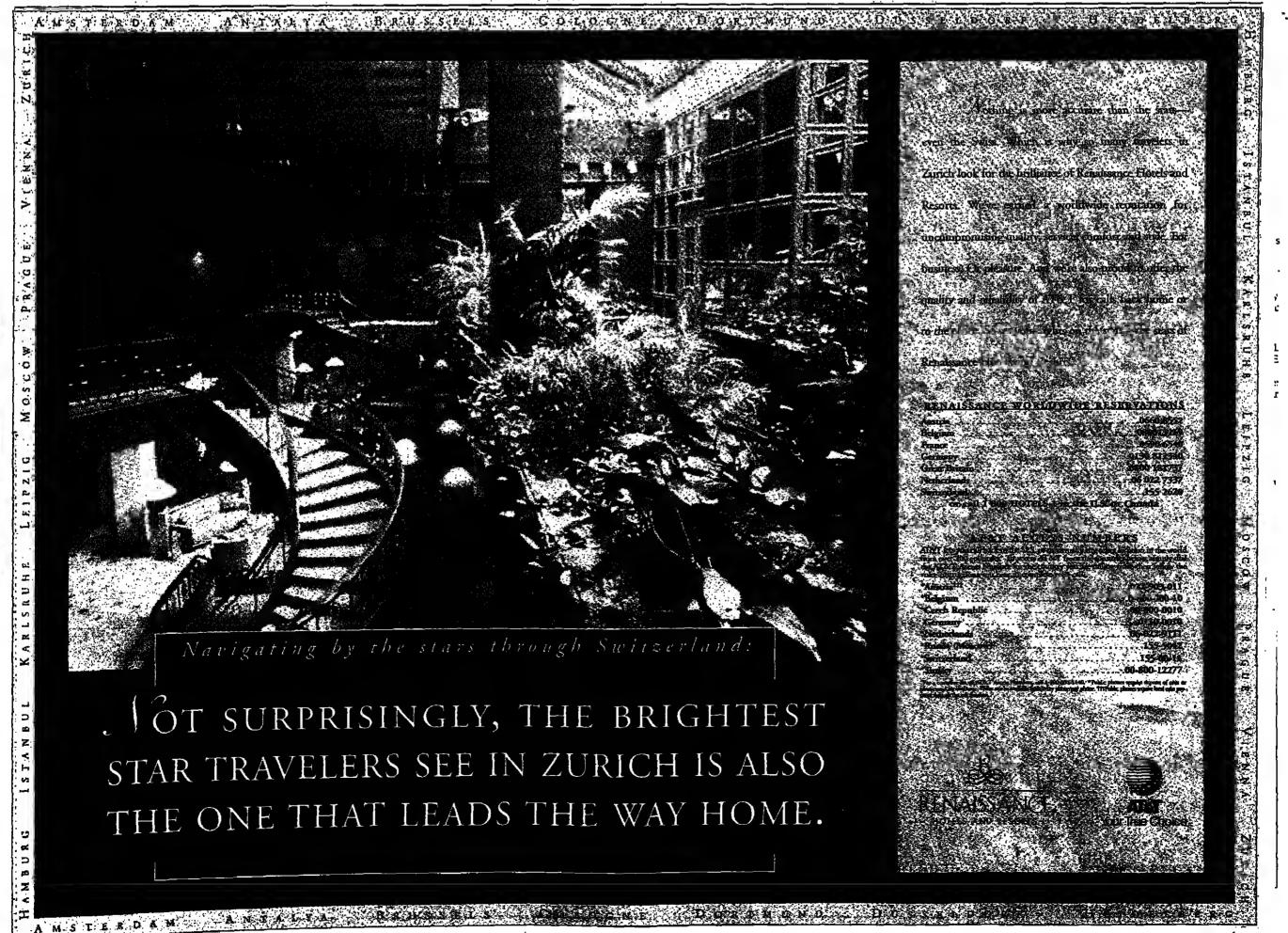
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Mr. Artioli's Dream Car Spins Out **Bugatti Maker Fights for Control of Insolvent Firm**

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service

MODENA, Italy — Romano Artioli has always glowed at the mention of the word Bugatti -- stirred by memories of roadsters like the fabulous Type 41, dubbed La Royale, that Ettore Bugarti boilt for Europe's gilded set between the

Mr. Artioli, who built a fortune importing Japanese cars into Italy and exporting Italian sports cars to Germany, dreamed of reviving the Bugatti name on a line of luxury cars designed in the spirit of

But in September, Mr. Artioli's dream was threatened when a court here declared Bugatti Automobili SpA, the company he built, insolvent after it failed to pay \$125 million of debts.

Alberto Levoni, a law professor in Modena and Mr. Artioli's lawyer, said Mr. Artioli had "squeezed dry the lemon" of his personal fortune and that a search for outside investors, which turned up an Indian maharaja among other potential par-

other assets, such as the Group Lotus sports-car company in Britain that he ac-

BOMBAY -- Enron Corp., agreed to cut

the cost of a stalled \$2.8 billion power plant

by at least \$750 million if a state gov-

ernment revived the project, India's biggest

foreign investment, two people familiar with the negotiations said Thursday.

The American energy company could cut

the cost of the project by as much as \$1

billion, these people said, in return for ap-proval by the Maharashtra state government.

Enron also agreed to increase the capacity of

country," one of the people said of the

agreement. Enron's offer is part of a package

recommended to the state government by a

team the government set up to negotiate with

This will set a new benchmark for the

Corp., but Mr. Levoni denied this. Mr. Artioli remains undaunted. The

insolvency decision, he said in September, "has thrown us to the ground, but I

will oot throw in the sponge."

The story began in the 1980s, when Mr.

Artioli, a self-made man from Bolzano in northeastern Italy, bought the rights to Ettore Bugatti's name, as well as more than 45,000 of his drawings and designs, from a French government agency that acquired them after Mr. Bugatti died without heirs in 1947.

Mr. Artioli built a gleaming factory. Bugatti Automobili, near Modena, the birthplace of such legendary sports cars as the Ferrari and the Maserati.

In 1991, as 1,000 bottles of champagne were popped, he unveiled the EB-110, a \$300,000 roadster with a monstrous 12cylinder engine and a six-speed trans-mission, on the terraces of the Palace of Versailles in France. The name was a reference to Ettore Bugatti and the 110th anniversary of his birth in Milan. Some critics declared the EB-110 the most beautiful car ever built

ticipants, had been fruitless in the end.

Some have suggested that Bogatti's Geneva Auto Show with a prototype of problems could even threaten Mr. Artioli's the EB-112, a four-door model by the Italian auto designer Giorgetto Giugiaro. At about the same time, Mr. Artioli quired in 1993 from General Motors started a company in Bolzano called Ettore

Enron Agrees to Cut Cost of India Plant

gotiate the two-phase project after an-

nouncing in August it would cancel it be-

cause it was too expensive. It is now

considering its team's recommendation to

allow Enron to resume work at the site 100

Enron's joint venture in India, Dabhol

miles (160 kilometers) south of Bombay.

Power Co., will save about \$470 million by

transferring the cost of one of its facilities to

a separate company. The facility, which is to turn liquefied natural gas back into a gas, will sell its output to the plant and to third

Enron agreed to cut other project costs by about \$360 million, one of the people

familiar with the talks said. Part of that

saving would be realized by Enron ten-

Bugatti to market designer products such as scarves, fountain pens, men's clothing and luggage bearing the EB logo.

To finance all this, Mr. Artioli had

borrowed heavily, though he mainly drew on his personal fortune. {In an interview last year with the International Herald Tribune, Mr. Artioli said he owned only 18 percent of the carmaker, with the rest beld by Bugarti Investment, a Luxembourg-based company whose stock was split among five European industrial groups.

But in a later interview with the Her-ald Tribune, Mario Barbieri, vice chair-man of Bugatti Automobili, said Mr. Artioli was the majority owner and had been

since the company's founding in 1987.]

Though the designer goods sold nicely, only 150 of the EB-110 cars were built. Mr. Artioli said about 35 were shipped to Germany, but the car was virtually excluded from the crucial American market by safety standards. As the yen appre-ciated against Western currencies, mean-while, Mr. Artioli's Japanese car business stalled in Europe. By 1994. Bugatti Automobili was sputtering.

A consortium of Italian businessmen

bid for Bugatti this year, pursuing a strategy of reviving the car to sell designer products. But when insolvency was de-

Co. and Bechtel Inc. The savings from both

components could be higher, possibly to-

Enron also offered to increase the ca-

inally planned. That means the cost per

megawatt could fall as low as 26.5 million

rupees (\$762,000) from 49 million rupees.
The Maharashtra State Electricity

project. The government wanted more, but

Enron said it could not offer more because

project is power shortages. The state gov-

Another factor in favor of reviving the

of agreements with its lenders.

taling \$1 billion.

Bonn Blames Currency for Halt in Growth

BONN — German economic growth ground to a halt in the third quarter, the government said Thursday, blaming the strong Deutsche mark and soaring labor costs for driving up the price of German goods and squeezing company profits.

The Economics Ministry put an official stamp on privatesector reports that the two-yearold recovery has stalled, saying that gross domestic product was "virtually unchanged" in the July-to-September period. The ministry added that the

year-to-year change in the third quarter was "clearly" lower than the 2.6 percent year-on-year growth rate posted in the first

The Federal Statistics Office is due to release detailed data on the third quarter on Dec. 7, but the Economics Ministry often of the sky-high mark, saying this released its own estimate in ad-

Most economists also expect growth to remain static in the fourth quarter as companies cut production further to reduce to

The main culprit, the ministry said in its monthly economic report, was the appreciation of the mark, which made German products too expensive in some export markets and robbed German industry of its full share of growing world trade.

pacity of the plant to around 2,215 megawatts from the 2,095 megawatts orig-'The effect was to brake domestic investment activity, add to pressures to streamline operations and magnify the trend of companies to move jobs to Board, the government-run distributor, will be offered a 30 percent stake in the cheaper foreign regions," the ministry said.

The expansion of Europe's biggest economy had already slowed to an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the second quarter from 3.7 percent in the last am the government set up to negotiate with dering for equipment for the project's second phase rather than buying it from its power supplies to parts of the state for partners in the venture, General Electric seven months starting in December.

desbank will make stimulative cuts in German interest rates already at the lowest levels in seven vears.

Lower rates could help cool the mark. The currency's surge this year of 9 percent against the dollar and 4 percent against a weighted measure of the currencies of Germany's trading partners has unleashed a wave of German corporate investment in lower-cost locations.

German businesses have been coping with a steadily rising currency for 20 years, the legacy of the Bundesbank's tough monetary policies and the resulting use of the mark as the world's No. 2 reserve currency behind the dollar.

Bundesbank council member Hans-Jürgen Krupp became the first to quantify the human cost down would cost Germany a quarter million jobs in 1995 and

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

■ French Growth Stalls French economic growth seems to have almost come to a halt in the third quarter with a rate "close to zero," the gov-ernment-owned Caisse des Dépôts & Consignations said Thursday, Agence France-Presse reported from Paris,

Government figures will be released Wednesday. Caisse des Dépôts said there

were several negative factors at work in the French economy in the third quarter, including stagnant consumption and "feeble" business investment.

The bank estimated that French economic growth for 1995 would be 2.7 percent, down from earlier expectations of 2.9 percent. It revised its With a moribund economy estimate for growth in 1996 to and no sign of inflation, spec- 2.3 percent from 2.7 percent.

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World Trade Still Needs U.S. Leadership

By Reginald Dale al Herald Tribune

ASHINGTON — Whether it means to or not, the United States is close to abdicating the world trade leadership that it has exercised for the past half century, with ominous implications for the open world trading system.

Declining American influence was more obvious than ever at last weekend's summit meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Osaka. where the United States failed to persuade the group's Asian members to move toward free trade along traditional Amer-

It was the first time a major international economic group incorporating the United States has so strongly resisted the postwar Anglo-Saxon model of trade liberalization.

Instead of negotiating mutual concessions in a framework of binding rules and deadlines, APEC will more likely muddle ahead in what was hailed as the "Asian way." Consensus will be reached voluntarily, depending on the wishes of the 1g members at any one point - making it less probable that they will meet the target of complete free trade by 2020.

That means that President Bill Clinton's grandiose twin plans for free trade areas in Asia and Latin America - once trumpeted as dramatic foreign policy successes - are now both in serious trouble. Prospects for a trans-Atlantic free trade

area, which could have put the United fewer than eight rounds of postwar world States at the bub of three buge trade zones, also are rapidly receding.

The Western Hemisphere free-trade plan remains blocked in Washington, where Mr. Clinton and the Republicanled Congress cannot agree no terms for negotiating the next step: Chilc's entry into the North American Free Trade Agreement.

As most Latin American countries are pressing rapidly ahead with their own free-trade arrangements, the deadlock threatens U.S. primacy in the drive to open Western hemisphere markets.

In APEC, Washington's setback is due partly to the relative decline in American economic power now that East Asian countries conduct nearly half their trade with each other. The importance of the U.S. market, and American political leverage, are both diminishing — and the same thing will happen soon in Latin America.

It is oot necessarily bad for the regional free-trade areas to receive a cold shower of reality. Although they can be useful in pioneering multilateral trade liberalization, regional trade zones also risk becoming hostile, warring blocs.

In any case, business is more interested in the laborious process of opening markets in fields such as customs and standards, which is continuing, than in grandiose long-term visions.

Much more serious would be a weakening of the U.S. commitment to a strooger and more open multilateral trading system, the driving force behind oo be at risk.

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trade negotiations.

As Hugo Paemen and Alexandra Bensch point out in a new book, the latest and most comprehensive of these endeavors, the Uruguay Round, would never have happened without American "tenacity." Mr. Paemen, oow head of the European Union delegation in Washington, was one of the top Uruguay Round negotiators for the EU. The book, "From the GATT to the WTO: The European Community in the Uruguay Round," is published by

Lenven University Press in Belgium. But Washington has at least temporarily withdrawn from its leadership role, mainly because support for new freetrade initiatives in the United States these days is close to zero.

No Republican presidential contender is tramping around New Hampshire singing the praises of free trade. Nor is Mr. Clinton. Bob Dole, the Republican front-runner, says trade liberalization should take a panse. Only Pat Buchanan, a fiery but crude protectionist, is winning applause on trade issues.

After the election, however, Washington must take steps to reinforce the multilateral system while it still can. It will soon be time to prepare the ninth trade round — which should be called "WTO 2000," after the new World Trade Organization, says Jeffrey J. Schott of the Institute for International Economics. The EU can help. But if Washington can no longer lead, the whole postwar system will

Leeson Return to

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE — Nicholas Leeson, the fugitive British futures trader whose massive losses caused the collapse of Barings PLC, will appear in a Singapore court Friday to face charges that could carry a long

Mr. Leeson, dressed in a

green sweatshirt with a baseball cap worn backwards on his head, was formally arrested at Singapore airport Thursday after financial police from Sin-gapore's Commercial Affairs Department escorted him back from Frankfurt, Germany, under an extradition order. He smiled slightly and appeared unruffled by a battery of re-porters, but said nothing.

Singapore authorities have prepared charges against him on 11 counts of fraud and forgery, which carry a maximum jail sentence of 14 years. But legal sources said that Mr. Leeson was expected to provide evidence that could help in the prosecution of several former senior executives of

Barings. They said that if he did, the presiding judge could decide to reduce the severity of any sentence. Singapore does not have

mial by jury.

Mr. Leeson, 29, fled Singapore in February shortly before the Barings group collapsed under the weight of more than \$1 hillion in losses from his trading on futures exchanges in Singapore and Japan.

An investigation into the Barings affair that was commissioned by the Singapore government and released in October criticized senior managers of the group for incompetence in failing to control Mr. Leeson's activities. Mr. Leeson agreed to drop a

final appeal against his extradition and apologized for doubting whether he would get a fair trial in Singapore. Mr. Leeson was accompa-

nied on the flight by his wife. Lisa. They were allowed to sit together for most of flight, the longest time they have spent together since his arrest in

Dollar's Loss, No One's Gain

By Carl Gewirtz

PARIS — The dollar is down and losing status, but neither the Deutsche mark oor the yen can yet lay claim to the role as the favored replacement, according to an authoritative study issued Thursday.

"There is no clear-cut indication" that the dollar's slide "has unilaterally favored either the yen or the German mark," the Bank for International Settlements said in a quarterly report. From 1976 to mid-1995, the value of the dollar

tumbled 72 percent from its high against the yen and 60 percent from its high against the mark. During that period, the report shows, the dollar has given up between 20 percent and 36 percent

of its share in three key sectors: official reserves, bank liabilities and international bonds. The dollar accounted for 61 percent of official foreign exchange reserves in major industrialized countries at the end of last year, up from its

low of 55 percent in 1990 but well below the nearly 80 percent share it had in 1976. Both the mark, now accounting for almost 10

share since the mid-1980s.

bank entities with international banks at midyear ly 41 percent, down from // 1984. The mark's share is oow about 20 percent, compared with less than 4 percent for the yen.

Likewise, the dollar's share of international bonds outstanding is now only 33 percent, compared with just over 60 percent in 1985. The yen now accounts for 18 percent of bonds outstanding, compared with 10 percent for the mark.

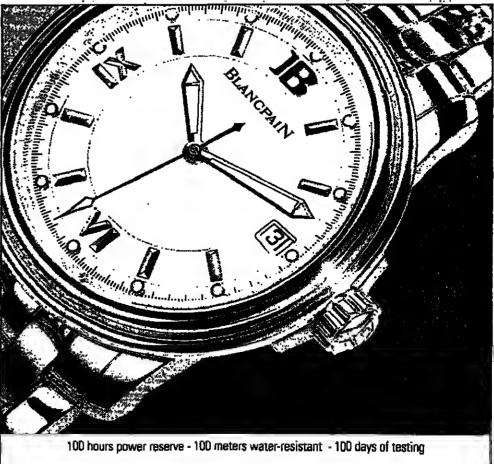
The increased use of the yen and the mark, the report said, "can be explained by regulatory and fiscal amendments, in addition to risk-aversion

Indeed, it says, the decline in the relative importance of the dollar "has been more closely related to widespread currency diversification than to the adoption of a single substitute cur-

■ Dollar Rises in Light Trading

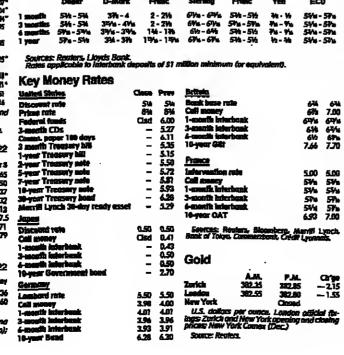
The dollar rose against most other major currencies in light trading on European markets, Agence France-Presse reported from London.
The currency rose to 1.4114 DM from 1.4087

DM on Wednesday, to 100.70 yen from 100.62 yen, to 1.1410 Swiss francs from 1.1389 francs percent of reserves, and the yen, with almost 7 yen, to 1.1410 Swiss francs from 1.1389 francs percent, have substantially increased market and to 4.8635 French francs from 4.8605. The pound rose to \$1.5640 from \$1.5598. U.S. and The dollar's share of deposits made by non- Japanese markets were closed for holidays.



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Lyonnaise des Eaux To Buy U.K. Utility For \$1.28 Billion

LONDON - Northumbrian Water PLC accepted an £823 million (\$1.28 billion) bid Thursday by Lyonnaise des Eaux SA, a move that would almost double the French company's U.K. utility operations.

Lyonnaise said it would pay £11.65 a share plus a special dividend of 14 pence a share.

ING Profit Rose 10% in Quarter

AMSTERDAM - Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV said Thursday its third-quarter net profit rose 10 percent as a surge in trading income helped offset insurance payments for

hutricane damage ING, which rescued the British merchant bank Barings PLC from collapse in March, had profit of 699 million guilders (\$443 million), compared with 634 million guilders a year earlier. Nine-mouth profit rose 15 percent, to 1.88 billion guilders. ING took a charge of 60 mil-

lion guilders to pay for damage caused by Hurricane Luis on the Caribbean island of St. Maarten in October. "Overall, this is an encouraging set of numbers," said Andrew Goodwin, a London-based

analyst for UBS Ltd. ING shares

Thursday, Nov. 23

Amsterdam

rose 1.00 guilder, to 100.90.

Northumbrian in March but did not disclose a price until Thursday, after discussing the takeover with regulatory officials and the company, which initially refused the offer.

One analyst called the bid "a bit on the cheap side," but another termed it "better than we expected."

Northumbrian, which serves northeastern England, saw its shares surge 35 pence, to £11.69 — almost five times their value when the company was taken private in 1989.

Utilities around the world are seeking to increase their customer bases by looking abroad. Lyonnaise plans to merge Northumbrian with North East Water PLC, which it acquired in 1989, into a company called Northumbrian Water Group PLC. The new company would

serve 4.2 million people. Lyonnaise also owns Essex & Suffolk Water PLC, which it acquired in 1988.

Lyonnaise executives said the merger would lead to staff reductions at North East and Northumbrian, but they pledged that employees would not be

British authorities cleared the bid for Northumbrian this month on the condition that Lyonnaise agree to cut water prices by 15 percent in six years. The sale is subject to review by European Unioo authorities. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

ENI Offering Falls Flat With Wary Retail Investors

MILAN — The Italian government, which wrapped up the first part of its 6.3 trillion lire

(\$3.96 billion) sale of Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi SpA on Wednesday, is finding the country's individual investors a skeptical lot.

By the time the retail part of the sale was closed, only 400 million shares of the world's eighth-largest oil and gas company had been bought by small investors, far below projections. The government originally set aside as many as 1 billion shares for retail investors.

"The ENI sale was a paradox," said Erich

Stock, manager of the Italy Fund at Lehman Brothers. "It was the only privatization with a downside protection, and it has been the least successful in terms of retail participation. This was the reaction of investors who lost almost 40 percent in previous privatizations.

Even though institutional interest was strong, the sluggish interest among individuals in what many analysts consider one of Italy's best companies raises concern about the government's ability to sell other assets.

Italy has slated sales of assets valued at more than 50 trillion lire in 1996, including 34 percent of Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni SpA, 64 percent of the telephone company STET SpA, part of its 100 percent stake

ENI, which has annual revenue of more than \$30 billion, represents the largest Italian asset sale ever and the largest initial public offering in the world this year. The bulk of the govemment's 15 percent stake is being sold to institutional investors, who grabbed 750 mil-

'Right oow, people are skeptical of buying company in the process of privarization because previous sales have demonstrated scant returns," said Settimio Stigliano, equity fund manager at Arca Fondi SpA.

Skepticism about the ENI sale comes as little surprise to many who have followed the Italian market's performance, however. The Mibtel Index has fallen 11 percent since September (Bloomberg, AFP)

■ INA to Propose Share Repurchase Istimto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni said it would ask shareholders for permission to buy back 5 percent, or 400 billion lire, of its shares outstanding, Bloomberg Business

News reported from Milan. INA said it would ask shareholders on Jan. 10 to approve the purchase of as many as 200 million shares at as much as 3,000 lire a

GM Weighs New Plant In Poland

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches
WARSAW — General Motors Corp. began talks with the government Thursday on a plan to build a state-of-the-art car plant in Poland to produce as many as 100,000 vehicles annually, possibly in 1998.

David Herman, the president of GM's German unit Adam Opel AG, met with Poland's industry minister, Klemens Scierski, to discuss building a factory valued at as much as 550 million Deutsche marks (\$390 million). Mr. Herman said he expected to finish talks on the project by the end of January.

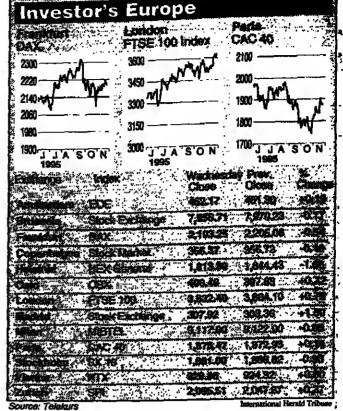
GM is planning to end its joint venture with the Polish carmaker Fabryka Samochodow Osobowych, known as FSO, because Daewoo Motor Co. bought a controlling stake in the Polish company. For the moment, Opel continues to as-semble its Astra models at the

FSO factory.

GM said that because auto production in Poland was vital to its European strategy, it would try to open its own production facility with a capacity of 70,000 to 100,000 passenger

GM also said it would open a regional purchasing office in Warsaw. Opel and GM "intend to support the Polish supplier industry and will be significantincreasing purchases of production materials from Central Europe in the coming years."

The new factory is expected to employ about 2,000 people. (Reuters, Bloomberg)



Very briefly:

Britain's Department of Trade and Industry called for an amitrust review of two proposed acquisitions of regional electric companies: National Power PLC's £2.8 billion (\$4.37 billion) bid for Southern Electric PLC and PowerGen PLC's £1.95 billion bid for Midlands Electricity PLC.

Suntory Ltd., a Japanese brewer and distiller, denied reports that it would top a £3.4 billion hostile bid by Granada Group PLC for Forte PLC, the hotel and restaurant concern.

 Finland's forestry industry association said prices of newsprint and fine paper could rise further despite production cuts.

Tunisia plans to sell a stake in its main petroleum distribution.

company, known as AGIL.

Kjoebenhavns Sommer-Tivoli AS, operator of the Tivoli-Gardens amusement park in Copenhagen, posted a loss of 18.8 million kroner (\$3.4 million) for the year ended Sept. 30, the first loss in its 153-year history.

Banks Shun Ferruzzi Issue its debt of 2 trillion lire. Ferruzzi announced the

MILAN — Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino, Italy's largest bank, said Thursday it had refused to become a member of a group of banks

supporting Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA's rights offering.
The Turin-based bank owns 15 percent of

Ferruzzi, the holding company with interests including chemicals, food and cement Ferruzzi is asking shareholders for 959 billion lire (\$603 million) in fresh capital to help reduce percent of Ferrazzi.

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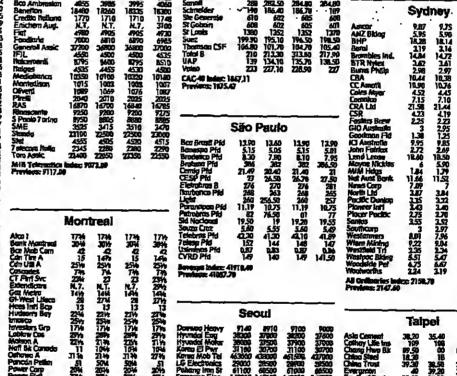
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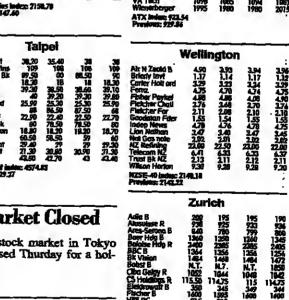
Paschi di Siena SpA also said it would not join the syndicate of banks supporting the Ferruzzi capital increase. Monte Paschi owns about 3.5

rights issue after plans for a merger involving the

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Jakarta Pledges To Proceed With **Privatizations**

He said the government also

Bank Negara Indonesia on the

Mr. Mar'ie's remarks came

munikasi Indonesia in Jakarta,

government cut the offering

price of PT Telkom to 2,050

rupiah (90 cents) a share from its

target price of 2,800.
The listing in October of shares in PT Tambang Timah, the world's largest tin mining

company, was also a disappoint-ment. Within four days, the

shares fell 14 percent from their offering price of 2,900 rupiah.

Joss Besseler, research manager of PT O.C.B.C. Sikap Se-

curities, said the government

would be more prepared for its

these two issues and be more

emment would deregulate

state-owned enterprises to pre-

pare them to compete with pri-

vate firms by cutting paperwork

'In preparing their financial reports, for instance, state-owned companies will follow a one-step mechanism through in-

ternal audits as is the case with

privately run enterprises," the

Indonesian stocks rose for a

Barings Securities in Jakarta.

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Mr. Mar'ic also said the gov-

prepared this time." he said.

'I think they will learn from

next privatization.

at the companies.

finance minister said.

■ Stocks Post Gains

Amid market weakness, the

hillion as of September.

New York and London.

JAKARTA - Finance Minplanned to float shares of PT ister Mar'ie Muhammad says Jakarta will go ahead with prilocal stock market vatization plans despite poor results from recent listings.

Local newspapers quoted Mr. 1994 enabled the government to Mar'ie as telling a parliamentary repay about \$800 million of its hearing Wednesday that three state-owned firms - PT Krakatau Steel, the toll-road operator PT Jasa Marga and the elec-tricity firm PT PLN — would be ing this month of PT Telekomlisted on overseas markets next

year.

"The government will push ahead with its plans to sell shares in state enterprises on the overseas markets to amortize the high-interest portion of its Mar'ic said Wednesday, according to the Jakarta Post.

Star Stock Leaps in Malaysia

Bloombere Business News

KUALA LUMPUR -Star Publications Bhd. stock jumped more than 50 percent on its first day of trading Thursday, and analvsts said this would put pressure on other newspaper companies here to deliver stronger earnings.

David Yong, a dealer at Arab-Malaysian Securities, said: "With another newspaper, investors will have more choice, and over time they may choose one over another. You may see one emerge as a premier pa-

Star Publications, which publishes Malaysia's argest English-language tabloid, sold shares to the public at 3.10 ringgit (\$1,22) each. The price rose as high as 5.35, before closing at 4.74, up 53 percent.

Shares of New Straits Times Press Bbd., Star's main English-language rival. rose 0.10 to a six-month high of 8.80.

Hopewell Loses Its Luster Setbacks Hurt Secretive Firm's Shares

one of Asia's biggest infrastructure builders, is property developer in Hong Kong, winning a not bankrupt, but confidence in its managing director. Gordon Wu, has definitely entered

The model of a Hong Kong tycoon, Mr. Wu over the past two decades has built a reputation The listing of the satellite op-erator PT Indosat in October as a master at landing multibillion-dollar contracts to build highways, power plants and railroads in developing countries throughout Asia. Like many other hage infrastructure projects, debt, which totaled about \$61

Mr. Wu's have had their problems. Governments have been slow to grant approvals, costs

Battered by an unprecedented barrage of setbacks, investors have sold the shares in droves recently, cutting Hopewell's stock price by a third in the past two months. The stock closed Thursday at 4.15 Hong

Kong dollars (54 U.S. cents), up 0.02.

"A year ago, investors would have given him the benefit of the doubt," said Declan Magee, an analyst at HG Asia Hong Kong Ltd. "Now they see the negative rather than the positive."

On Wednesday, Mr. Wo announced plans to sall off leave parts of his businesses to next debt.

sell off large parts of his businesses to pay debts that will reach 9.5 billion dollars by year-end "Since everyone is so damned averse to debt, I say let's make Hopewell a debt-free company, "Mr. Wo was quoted as saying by the South China Morning Post.

The breaking point for many investors came two weeks ago, when cracks were reported at a coal-loading dock at a power plant built by a Hopewell subsidiary, Consolidated Electric Power Asia Ltd., in the Philippines. The plant's operator, Philippine National Power Corp., said it would refuse to pay a \$26 million bill until the dock was fixed. Mr. Wo said he would not contest National Power Corp.'s refusal.

"International investors can't invest in company that operates in a black box," said Henry Kwong of Merrill Lynch & Co.

For a long time, Mr. Wu's magic worked. The HONG KONG - Hopewell Holdings Ltd., son of a Hong Kong taxi driver, he started as a reputation as a tough negotiator.

This year, though, the Hopewell luster began to fade.

A power plant in Guangdong was delayed because of faulty equipment. Consolidated Electric Power, a Philippine subsidiary, lost a contract to build a power plant because the company used parts from Westinghouse Electric Corp., which had been banned by Manila because of its alleged connections with former President Ferdinand Marcos.

have ballooned, bad weather has dogged con-struction. Hopewell's share price may have faltered, but investors generally held tight — Guangzhou highway, Mr. Wu's largest project yet. After reports of cost overnms, delays and sinking road sections, the company said it had invested \$722 million more than originally planned in the highway.

Mr. Wn says he is negotiating to increase potential profit by increasing Hopewell's percentage of tolls collected on the highway. But some analysts doubt he will prevail in those

"Investors are unhappy with how Hopewell has handled recent problems without giving details," said Stephen Leung, a fund manager at Invesco Asia Ltd. As of April, Invesco funds owned 750,000 shares in Hopewell, but Mr.

Leung said he had sold some since then. Samuel Lau, a fund manager at Baring Securities, said: "They have to sell something or go bankrupt. The question is whether they can find buyers like the Japanese."

Hopewell sold 2.5 percent of the Guangzhou road to Kanematsu Corp. of Japan for \$124.5

million, a price analysts said was too high.

In a memo to clients Wednesday, Charles Whitworth, an analyst at James Capel Ltd., said the 40 billioo dollar value Mr. Wu placed oo the assets he may sell - 30 percent of a Shenzhen-Guangzhou highway and 25 percent of the Bangkok elevated railway - was "far-

He said a more realistic value would be 7.4 billioo dollars, including property.

Tata Profit Pulls Down Stock Index

Compiled by One Staff From Dupate BOMBAY - India's benchmark stock index closed below 3,000 points Thursday for the first time in two years after Tata Iron & Steel Co. posted firsthalf results that were not as good as some analysts had expected.

Shares in the company fell 13.95 rupees, or 6 percent, to 211.05. The steelmaker said Wednesday after the market closed that its first-half net profit rose 132 percent, to 2 billion rupees (\$57.5 million).

"The market's looking for reasons to come down, and this is a reason," said S. Subramanian, chief representative at HG Asia Ltd.

The benchmark Sensitive In-dex fell 57.34 points, or 2 per-cent, to 2,944.18.

Not everyone was displeased with Tata's first-half report. "I think they're very strong results," said Yeshwanth Kini, an analyst at Crosby Ltd. "The steel business has done better than I expected. I don't understand why the market has taken it negatively."

Interest-rate rises this month have added to a string of problems including a shortage of casb in the banking system, a the

weakening rupee and coocern about next year's elections. Some analysts said Indian stock markets, which rose strongly last year as foreign investors poured in, are slowing down because U.S. markets

have been so strong this year. "The market is moving in a perfect reverse correlation to the Dow Jones," Ramesh Damani, a stockbroker, said. "I think the

money is going back home.

The weakening Indian rupee. which fell 12 percent from mid-August to late October after remaining unchanged for nearly two years at 31.37 to the dollar, has increased losses for foreign investors. The rupee has since stabilized at 34.80 to the dollar.

Overnight interest rates, which recently skyrocketed to more than 130 percent, were in a range of 11 percent to 12.5



Very briefly:

 National Mutual Asia Ltd.'s pretax profit rose to 850.4 million Hong Kong dollars (\$110 million) from 700.9 million dollars a year earlier as income from premiums rose 7 percent, to 4.1 billion dollars. The company is 69 percent owned by National Mutual Holdings Ltd. of Australia.

Beijing Automobile Industrial Group Co. signed a \$16.6 million joint venture to build shock absorbers with Monroe Automotive Equipment Co. of the United States.

U.S. husinesses in Hong Kong are confident about prospects there despite the territory's pending return to Chinese rule in 1997, an American Chamber of Commerce survey found. Ninety percent of the 533 businesses surveyed said they had a "favorable" or "very favorable" view of Hong Kong's expected business environment over the next five years.

 China's economy is likely to grow by between 9 percent and 10 perceot next year, on a par with this year's growth, with most of the expansion coming in the second half, a spokesman for the State Statistics Bureau said.

Atlas Copco AB opened a \$4 million compressor factory in Wuxi, China, and said it hoped Asia would account for one-third of its global business in the next few years.

• Microsoft Corp. received 750,000 orders for the Japanese operating system went on sale in Japan at midnight 🙃

Asian Development Bank approved more than \$140 million in loans and technical-assistance grants for agricultural programs in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

 Ansett Australia sold all its 23.1 million shares of TNT Ltd. on the open market. Dealers said the shares brought a total of 44.12 million Australian dollars (\$32.7 million). Bloomberg, Rewers, AP

Shougang Loses Control of Its Bank

third consecotive day, led by PT BEIJING - Capital Iron & Steel has lost Telkom, which gained 7 percent to its highest closing price since control over its in-house bank because of the it began trading Nov. 14. downfall of the hoge steelmaker's chief, an ally The Jakarta stock market of China's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping.

composite index climbed 10.86 Huaxia Bank, once China's only company-run points, or 2 percent, to 469.61. bank, has been wrested from the grip of Capital Telkom rose 150, to 2,325, PT Iron & Steel, also known as Shongang, since the Indosat rose 100, to 7,300, and departure in February of the company's chair-PT Tambang Timah rose 150. man, Zhou Guanwu.

The bank's president, Li Xikui, said Thursday that he and Mr. Zhou had different ways of Tclkom's advance indicated thinking. "Zhou did not understand how to run a bank," he said. broader investor demand for Indonesian stocks than there was The bank was set up in 1992 as a wholly in the last few weeks, said Bruce Rolph, head of equities at owned unit of state-owned Capital Iron & Steel.

chief in February after news leaked of the arrest of his son, Zhou Beifang, chairman of the firm's Hong Kong-listed units, the Shougang Concord group of companies. He was arrested for unspecified economic crimes.

Capital Iron & Steel's stake in Huaxia Bank has fallen to 20 percent. That is still the largest individual stake, but now there are more than 40 shareholders. The others are big state companies percent Thursday. in various industry sectors.

The reorganized bank has registered capital of 2.5 billion yuan (\$301.5 million), compared with 1 billion yuan previously. The bank has assets of 10 billion yoan and branches in Beijing, Nanjing and Hangzhou. Mr. Li, who has served as bank president since late 1993, said the old monopoly Mr. Zhou, 77, stepped down as the steelmaker's ownership was abnormal.

Black Is Upbeat on Fairfax

SYDNEY - Conrad Black, chairman of Telegraph PLC, said Thursday he was confident of winning a long battle to raise his stake in John Fairfax Holdings Ltd.

The Canadian media executive said changes in the political climate had increased his chances of winning government approval to raise his Fairfax stake to 35 percent, regardless of

"Inevitable is a bit presumptuous, but I think the probabilities are good," Mr. Black, a Fairfax director, said after the company's annual meeting. A government spokesman, however, said Australia had no plans to raise the 25 percent foreign-ownership ceiling on metropolitan newspapers.

Fairfax publishes major newspapers in Australia, including the Sydney Morning Herald, Australian Financial Review and The Age in Melbourne. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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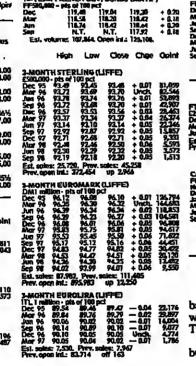
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mation on current entertainment options all over the world.

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The Cup Challenge

Zealand, the holder of yachting's America's Cup, revealed Thursday that there will be no defenders series when the next challenge is held in Auckland in 2000.

The decision means that only one syndicate will defend the cup while as many as 18 teams from around the world will race for the right to take on Team New Zealand, which won the trophy earlier this year.

'97 Tour to Start in Rouen

CYCLING The 1997 Tour de France will start from Rouen, organizers said on Thursday.

The start will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Jacques Anquetil's first victory in the race. Anquetil, the first rider to win five Tours between 1957 and 1964, was born in the Rouen region. He died in 1987. (Reuters)

Award Finalists Named

FOOTBALL Eight finalists have been announced for the 1995 Doak Walker Award, presented each year to the nation's best college football run-ning back: Karim Abdul-Jabbar of UCLA, Tiki Barber of Virginia, Tim Biakabatuka of Michigan, Warrick Dunn of Florida State, Eddie George of Ohio State, George Jones of San Diego State, Wasean Tait of Toledo and Moe Williams of Kentucky. All are juniors except George, who is a

Piniella Takes Top Honors

BASEBALL Lou Piniella, who led the Seattle Mariners to their first playoff appearance, has been voted The Associated Press Manager of the Year, receiving 27 of 66 votes in nationwide balloting by sports writers and broadcasters. Colorado's manager, Don Baylor, was second. (AP)

Norman Struggles

GOLF Greg Norman criticized the speed of the greens at Kingston Heath after struggling to stay up with the leaders in the first round Thursday of the Australian Open. The world No. 1 fired a level-par 72 to finish four shots off the pace. Five Australians — Peter McWhinney, Lyndsay Stephen, David Bransdon, Rob Whitlock and Lucien Tinkler — share the lead. (Reuters)



Norman teeing off in Melbourne.



Michael Zorc, right, who scored Borussia Dortmund's first goal, colliding with Giancarlo Marocchi of Juventus.

To All Sports' Good Guys: Thanks Extra Servings of Praise for Those Who Rise Above Fray

By Dave Anderson

THEN pro football's money-obsessed owners have been center stage more often than the players, wheo baseball is still trying to apologize to many of its customers, when basketball is willing to cheapen its games with replacement referees, it's time to thank all those who make sport's little corner of the world a better place.

Cal Ripken Jr., whose 2,131st consecutive game for the Orioles provided baseball's finest hour.

Jacques Lemaire, whose Devils won the Stanley Cup with what the envious described as the "neutral-Point" zone trap" but what he simply called "hockey." Ben Crenshaw, whose preparation for winning

the Masters consisted mostly of being a pallbearer at the funeral of Harvey Penick, his longtime mentor. Jerry Rice, who has proved with the 49ers that a wide receiver,

rather than a quarterback, can be a team's most important play-Hakeem Olajuwon, who has proved with the Rockets that he's

pro basketball's best center as well as one of its best people. Buck Showalter and Gene Michael, who deserved better than to be dismissed as the Yankees' manager and general manager, by their unprincipled principal owner.

Evander Holyfield, who will always be remembered as one of boxing's last true gladiators.

Pete Sampras, who won another Uoited States Open men's singles without any unseemly theatries.

Boomer Esiason, who has been vicomized by the Jets' inability to surround him with what a quarterback needs: protective offensive linemen and proficient pass-receivers.

Jim Harrick, who put UCLA into the college basketball winner's circle again after all those empty years since John Wooden's teams won 10 nacional titles. Sparky Anderson, who refused to work with replacement

players as the Tigers' manager, and Peter Angelos, who refused to hire replacement players as the Orioles' owner.

Mario Lemieux, who has returned to the Penguins - hitting toals from all directions — from not only spinal surgery but also

The jury members who believed that Don King was guilty in his federal insurance fraud mistrial; if only they could have convinced the jurors who thought he was not guilty.

Rebecca Lobo and her University of Connecticut teammates. who put women's college basketball on the sports map as never

Tom Glavine, the Braves' lefthander who stepped out of Greg Maddux's shadow and stopped the Indians with an epic eight-inning one-hitter in the World Series clincher.

Rodney Hampton, who has never been properly appreciated for Ferencearos narrowly escaped defeat rushing for more yards than any running back in Giants history.

ON NELSON, who has already out his arm around more Knick players than Pat Riley did in his four seasons as their Eddie Futch, whose wisdom will recapture the world heavyweight title for Riddick Bowe - if Bowe accepts his trainer's

Ken Griffey. Jr., who not only is baseball's best player but who also seems to enjoy the game more than any other big-leaguer.

Annika Sorenstam, who hurried from Australia to New York to accept her Ladies Professional Golf Association awards for player

of the year and for best scoring average.

Don Mattingly, whose "23" should be retired by the Yankees as soon as their best first baseman since Lou Gehrig eventually decides that he has indeed played his last game.

Curtis Strange, who stood there and took the rap for losing the to head home from close range in the 48th Ryder Cup when any of the other American golfers who lost a match was just as responsible as he was.

Adam Graves, who often goes out of his way to thank his admirers who wear his Ranger jersey. Joe McIlvaine, who is quietly assembling a Mets team that has

their frustrated fans thinking that a wild card in the National League playoffs might not be that far away.

Monica Seles, who, in finally playing tournament tennis again, understands more than most what giving thanks really means.

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Gascoigne Scores, **But Glasgow Misses** Cup Quarterfinals

Paul Gascoigne scored his first goal in European club competition Wednesday. but it was not enough to keep alive the Glasgow Rangers' slim hopes of qualifying for the European Cup quarterfinals.
Gascoigne's 32nd minute strike gave

Rangers a 1-0 lead over Steama Bucharest
and the prospect of their first victory in Group C of the Champions' League.

But the Scottish champions scorned a

EUROPEAN SOCCER

number of chances before Adrian Ilie earned visiting Steaua a 1-1 de with a goal in the 55th minute.

Borussia Dortmund's shock victory over Juventus in Turin meant that neither Rangers por Steaua would progress to the quarterfinals.

Brian Laudrup fed Gascoigne the ball just inside his own half, and he embarked on a lung-bursting run right at the heart of the Romanian defense. The back line opened up in front of him and Gascoigne kept on ruoning before driving a right-foot shot past Bogdan Stelea from 12 meters.

Steaua's equalizer came when He clipped his shot beyond goalkeeper Andy Goram. The Romanians almost won the game five minutes later, with Goram making a brilliant save to deny Damian Militaru.

Panathinaikos 2, Aslborg o Panathinaikos convincingly beat Aalborg to reach the last eight of the European Cup and evoke memories of their glory nights of 24 years ago when they reached the 1971 final.

The Greeks were the better of the two teams throughout the Group A encounter and scored in the first minute when Alexis Alexaudis converted with a right shot from perfect pass by Kryzstof Warzycha.

A fierce foul shot from 20 meters hy George S. Georgiadis sealed the victory for Panathinaikos in the 38th minute, warming up the 33,000 Greek fans who watched the

march in freezing temperatures. The victory left the Greeks first in Group A with 10 points, two ahead of Nantes, and gave them the ticket for the next round. Ferencearos 3, Grasshopper Zurich 3

against Grasshopper Zurich in their Group match, scraping a tie from a controversial penalty in the closing minutes. The point gained with Elek Nyilas's

86th-minute penalty left the Hungarians an outside chance of getting to the quarterfinals. They are two points behind second-placed Real Madrid with one game chance to ensure a quarterfinal spot after to go after the Spanish team lost at home to Ajax Amsterdam.

Scoring twice in a four-minute span in the first half, Ferencyaros, which had thrashed Grasshopper, 3-0, in Zurich, looked comfortably in charge at halftime, leading 2-1.

But the Hungarians were rocked as Alexandre Comiseni rose above the defense minute, and within 16 minutes the Ghanese international striker Ali Ibrahim put Grasshopper ahead when he was left unmarked and easily headed home past a flailing Atilla Hajdu in the Hungarian goal.

In the 85th minute Grasshopper caught the Hungarian defense off-balance, and the midfielder Massimo Lombardo hit a thunderous shot centimeters over the crossbar.

But one minute later, in one of the few attacks by Ferencearos, Grasshopper's Berndt Haas clashed with Nyilas, who was awarded a penalty despite furious Swiss

crushed Legia Warsaw of Poland in a Group B match to keep alive their hopes of reaching the quarterfinals.

The Norwegians came out attacking on the rain-soaked field, storming through Legia's defense seemingly at will and it was only Polish goalkeeper Maciej Szczesny who kept the scoring within limits.

Rosenborg now needs only to tie Black-burn, which lost, 3-0, to Spartak Moscow away in the other Group B match, to secure second place provided Spartak beats Legia. Spartak is already assured of a place in the final eight.

In other matches, reported in some editions Thursday:

nd 2, Juventus 1 Borus-Borussia Dortm sia Dortmund of Germany beat Juventus at Turin, 2-1, on Wednesday to clinch a berth in the quarterfinals alongside the Italian champions.

Goals by the former German ioternational, Michael Zorc, and Lars Ricken ended Juventus's perfect record in Champions' League Group C and gave the Germans revenge for a humiliating 3-1 defeat at home earlier in the year.

Zore opened the scoring in the 29th minute with a powerful right-foot shot from the edge of the goal. Ricken made it 2-0 in the 64th, quickly latching on to a misdirected header from the Juvenius defender Massimo Carrera and drilling the ball past

the Juventus goalkeeper, Angelo Peruzzi.
Juveotus, whose form has faded after an impressive start to the season, got an inury-time consolation goal from Alessandro Del Piero, a second-half substitute, who has now scored in each of his ream's five Cup matches to date.

manen and Patrick Kliuvert scored for Ajax

as they won in Madrid. The Dutch team, unbeaten in the Dutch league and unbeaten in Europe, produced an extraordinary first half, hitting the bar three

times and having two goals disallowed.

At halfitme, the teams were still Q-Q:
Madrid came back into the match in the second half, but Litmanen took advantage of gaps at the back to open the scoring in the 64th minute. Kliuvert finished off the scoriog in the 76th minute.

tying at Porto, Portugal. The French team; which leads Group A, led twice and survived a late scare as Bobby Robson's men missed a second-half penalty that would have settled the game. (Reuters, AFP)

■ Italy Proposes 'Peace' Match

Italy wants to play a "peace" soccer friendly in Sarajevo as soon as their schedule and the situation in Bosnia permits, the Italian soccer federation chief, Antonio Matarrese, said on Thursday, Reuters reported from Rome.

Matarrese caused a furore in August wheat be was widely quoted as saying that Italy would not go to Croatia for a key European championship qualifying match because of the fighting there and in Bosnia.

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SPORTS

2-Game Sweep Over Pittsburgh Boosts Rangers The Associated Press For an early season matchup, had more than the usual imReese took over to start the

had more than the usual im-

artance for both teams. The ew York Rangers came out oking pretty good against the ttsburgh Penguins - both

This gives us a little bit of infidence," the Rangers coach olin Campbell said after 'ednesday night's 4-3 victory

NHL BOUNDUP

impleted a two-game homed-home sweep of the Penuns. "I'm not so sure Pittsirgh was totally on their game night. I've seen them better." With two games against ttsburgh and one each against stroit and New Jersey, the ingers were looking at the etch as a measuring stick. On nesday night, they crushed the nguins in New York 9-4 bere beating them in Pittsburgh. was the first time the Northst Division leaders lost con-

Mike Richter made 40 saves d Wayne Presley scored a a 1-1 tie to beat Los Angeles. orthanded goal, his first in 21 mes, to key the Rangers' vic-

iers 4, Canadions 2 In ertford, Connecticut, Robert on scored a shorthanded goal d Jeff Reese stopped seven rd-period shots in relief of

third period after Burke suffered back spasms. But with Gerald Diduck off for interference, Kron split the defense and fired a backhand shot over the right shoulder of Patrick Roy for the insurance goal.

Geoff Sanderson, Scott Daniels and Jeff O'Neill also scored for the Whalers. Brian Savage and Pierre Turgeon had goals for Montreal.

Jets 3, Senators 1 In Ottawa, Ed Olczyk and Shane Doan scored first-period goals as Winnipeg defeated Ottawa, spoiling the NHL coaching debut of Dave Allison.

Keith Tkachuk added an empty-net goal in the third period for the Jets, who climbed back above the .500 mark with a record of 10-9-2 after losing their previous two games.

es 5, Kings 2 In Uniondale, New York, Darius Kasparaitis and Zigmund Palffy scored early in the third period as the Islanders broke away from

Wendel Clark, Alexander Semak and Derek King also scored for the Islanders, who won for only the fourth time this season (4-13-2). Jamie McLennan gave up two goals to Tony Granato while facing only 18 shots.

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Vancouver's Dave Babych pressuring the Stars' right wing Trent Klatt in front of Vancouver's goalie, Corey Hirsch.

second period and Daren Pup-pa's 28 saves led Tampa Bay over visiting New Jersey. Tampa Bay won consecutive games for the first time since last April 20, a span of 28 games, including 20 this season. New Jersey

dropped its third in a row.

ma's breakaway goal late in the to seveo. Nicklas Listrom ver. Modano fired the rebound added two assists for Detroit, which last won seven straight in November 1988. The Red Wings moved a point ahead of Toronto for first place in the Central Division.

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Red Wings 5, Sharks 2 In Devote of goals, including the go-ahead score with 6:20 to play, as Dallas rallied from a two-goal extended their winning streak deficit to beat visiting Vancouscore with 6:20 to play, as Dal- In Denver, Valeri Kamensky

of Dave Gagner's shot past Vancouver's goalie, Corey Hirsch, for his eighth goal, keeping the Canucks winless over their last seven games (0-6-1).

The Dallas goalie Andy Moog turned aside 31 shots for his 317th career victory. Avalanche 6. Black

scored two goals and had an assist as Colorado remained the only unbeaten team at home. Chris Simon, Claude Lemiuex, Andrei Kovalenko and Stephane Yelle added a goal each for the Avalanche.

Oilers 2, Mighty Ducks 0 Kirk Malthy and David Oliver each scored a goal, and Bill Ranford turned aside 31 shots to lead Edmonton over visiting Anabeim.

The shutou was the 11th of Ranford's career and his second

Jordan's 38 (Ho-Hum) Stops Spurs

The Associated Press For Michael Jordan, it was just another routine night,

Jordan scored 38 points, including 12 in the decisive third quarter, as David Robinson sat on the bench with foul trouble, and the Chicago Bulls went on to beat the San Antonio Spurs, 103-94.

We got David into foul trouble, which enabled us to make a run on them," Jordan

NEA ROUNDUP

said, "It was important to get him out of the middle. I played some key post-up positions. We had some tough defensive rebounds." The Bulls, ahead 54-50 entering the sec-

grabbing an 85-71 lead.

move midway through the third quarter,

sidelines the rest of the quarter. "This was our first real test of the season and we didn't respond," Robinson said. Coltics 129, Hornets 124 David Wesley, subbing for the injured Dana Barros, tied a Boston record with seven 3-pointers and scored a career-high 37 points at Charlotte,

North Carolina. Builets 98, Pistons 97 Calbert Chancy made a dunk with 5.8 seconds to play as visiting Washington overcame a four-point

deficit in the final 10 seconds, The Bullets, who won for just the second

97-93 before Mitchell Butler made an offbalance 3-pointer with 10 seconds to go. After a time out, Juwan Howard blocked Otis Thorpe's inbounds pass and fed

Heat 103, Warriers 93 Alonzo Mourning's 27 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocked shots helped Miami rally from a 13-point deficit to win their third straight and improve to 6-2 under its new coach, Pat Riley.

Rockets 115, 76ers 106 Hakeem Olajuwon scored 28 points and Robert Horry added 26 as visiting Houston withstood a late Philadelphia surge and won its sixth straight. Clyde Drexler added 24 points for the Rockets, who won their eighth straight ond half Wednesday night, made their big over Philadelphia. Knicks 94, Cavaliers 84 Patrick Ewing

scored 12 of his 26 points in the fourth The Chicago rally began about the same quarter as New York won its fourth straight time Robinsoo was forced to the bench and improved to 6-1 on the road. The Knicks throws with 51 seconds remaining. with his fourth foul. He remained on the were 16-for-16 from the free-throw line. Magic 95, Grizzios 93 Anfernee Hard-

the visiting Grizzlies to their ninth straight

layup put the Magic ahead 92-91 with 29.4 seconds remaining.

time in their last 18 games at Detroit, trailed scored 23 points and Milwaukee made a season-high nine 3-pointers as it stopped visiting Toronto. Vin Baker added 17 points for Milwaukee

SuperSonics 106, Timberwolves 97 Shawn Kemp scored 11 points in the fourth quarter as visiting Seattle beat Minnesota for the 18th consecutive time.

The Supersonics won despite losing Gary Payton at the end of the third quarter with what the club said was a broken ankle bone. He was taken to a hospital for X-rays. The extent of the injury was unclear.

Suns 117, Hawks 112 Michael Finley of Phoenix forced an Atlanta turnover with aggressive defense, then made two free throws with 27 seconds left at the America

Finley induced Stacey Augmon into traveling with a minute left, and Elliot Perry broke a 111-111 tie with two free

Jazz 116, Kings 95 David Benoit scored seven of his 12 points during a third-quarter away's running bank shot at the buzzer run as Utah won its sixth straight. Visiting capped a 37-point performance, sending Sacramento closed to 75-72 after Walt Williams' spinning layup and a free throw with 4:53 left in the third quarter. Benoit then

The Magic trailed most of the second half before Hardaway made a 3-pointer to tie it at 87-27 with 4:29 to go. Greg Anthooy made an off-balance jumper to give Vancouver its last lead, 91-90. Hardaway's Vanght ignited an 11-point run at the start Clippers 125, Nets 92 Brian Williams had 23 points and 12 rebounds, and Loy Vaught ignited an 11-point run at the start of the fourth quarter. Los Angeles won for the sixth time in eight games. New Jersey is 0-5 on the road, but 4-0 at home. Bucks 96, Raptors 86 Glenn Robinson

CALVIN AND HOBBES

A Family's Vigil, And Hope, for Paralyzed Son

By Jennifer A. Wagner New York Times Service

OSTON — The Roy family of Yarmouth, Maine, has a pre-Thanksgiving tradition: lobster dinner on Wednesday night. Lee Roy trades some ice time at the rink he manages, or a hockey clinic fee, for lobsters from youngsters with families in the trolling business.

This year, there isn't any lobster, and Lee and Brenda Roy

don't really miss it. They still planned to gather for a turkey dinner Thursday evening with nearly two dozen relatives, in a private dining room at the Boston Harbor Hotel, where they have been living free of cost for nearly five weeks.

Unable to join them — but dominating all their thoughts will be Lee and Brenda Roy's 20-year-old son, Travis. He is

lying motionless a few miles away, in Room 523 at the Boston University Medical Center and Hospital.

"The tough part is that Travis won't be there," said Lee

Travis. "That's going to be a killer."

Travis Roy is paralyzed from the neck down, the result of a freakish accident on Oct. 20 in his first game as a freshman hockey player for Boston University. He had been on the ice for just I I seconds when he crashed head-first into the boards after checking a North Dakota player, smashing his fourth vertebrae

and damaging his spinal cord.

Although Travis has said he has some feeling on his upper. inner left arm, doctors say he will probably be a quadriplegic

for the rest of his life. There have been two operations since the accident. First, doctors removed the damaged vertebrae. Then he underwent a tracheotomy to make breathing from the respirator easier until he can build up his diaphragm and breathe on his own.
"Once he got the tubes out of his mouth, one of his real

pleasures was eating ice chips," Mrs. Roy, an assistant high school principal, said. Travis has yet to speak or eat and has lost about 25 pounds (11 kilograms). 'We're so proud of how be's handling it all," said Roy, a former top player at the University of Vermont. "He really has oot shown any anger toward anyone. We see disap-

pointment, frustration in his eyes. After battling pneumonia, Travis was moved from the intensive care unit to the rehabilitative section of the hospital last Monday, where he will likely remain for months. The Roys said Travis should be home for his sister Tobi's

wedding on April 27. And the Roy family still has hope, And a little brown box in their hotel suite contains much of it. Like the other boxes stacked against the wall, it contains letters, more than 5,000 in all, the Roys estimate, from every state in the union, But this box holds only correspondence from quadriplegics and paraplegics, telling of miraculous stories of recoveries and their

lives after their accidents. "You just never know," Roy said. Travis's accident has prompted a huge response. Lee Roy said that more than 200 Masses and prayer services have been held for Travis. Vice President Al Gore stopped by for a visit in Boston. The Boston Bruins and two other groups have pledged

a total of \$300 for each goal the Bruins score this season.
"You can't explain it," said Roy. "It's not about hockey. It's phone calls from Australia, faxes from I don't know how many countries. I find a lack of words for this. It breaks our hearts to hear some of these stories, what these people are willing to sacrifice for our son."

Hoyas-Arizona in NIT

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — It was the evening's best bet on Broadway: Allen Iverson of Georgetown against Stephon Marbury of Georgia Tech. The scene was Madison Square Garden. The occasion was a semifinal game in the 11th annual Preseason Na-

tional Invitation Tournament. Marbury may have held his own in the match between the precocious young stars of col-

lege baskerball, but Iverson held

the winning ticket. A noisy and appreciative crowd watched the Georgetown Hoyas, ranked No. 5 in The Associated Press poll. pull away in the second half to a 94-72 victory.

The victory sent the Hoyas into Friday night's final against Arizona. In the first game of the semifinal doubleheader, Arizona held off Michigan, 86-79. Arizona, which is ranked No.19, made fewer errors than 16th-ranked Michigan.

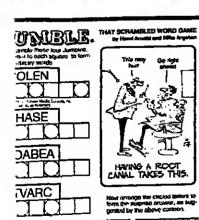
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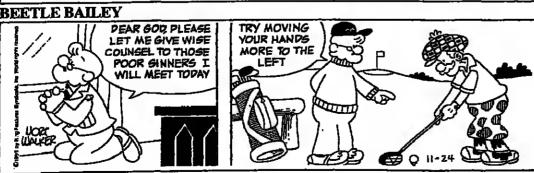
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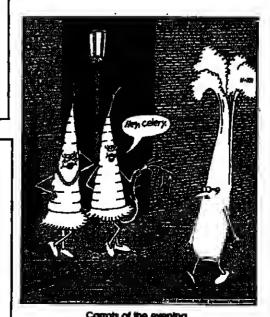






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THE FAR SIDE





OBSERVER

Glued to the Tube

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — A majority of Americans say they now get most of their news from television. To see how the world looks to this majority. your correspondent speot six months glued to his TV screen. Following is the typical American view of the world:

The two most important people on earth are Newt Gingrich and President Clinton. O.J. Simpson, who used to be Number Three, has slipped badly and is not even in the top 20 anymore. The new Number Three is Deion Sanders.

The other 17 are Bill Gates. Oprah Winfrey, Rupert Murdoch, Michael Eisner, Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Bond. Stephen King, Howard Stern, George Stephanopoulos, the Dallas Cowboys, the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Larry King and the first five Americans mentioned on tomorrow's edition of "Entertainment

The fact that all 20 are Americans not only shows how little of consequence happens outside our owo country. It also proves the truth of that old theater saying, "When you leave the United States, everyplace else is just Bridgeport."

Most of the world outside the United States is composed of Bosnia and Israel. The only important foreigner is Boris Yeltsin. He drinks too much vodka and is sick a lot. Yeltsin holds a very important job somewhere in Russia.

The most important street on Japan. earth is the Beltway. What goes on inside it is just terrible.

The most important event in the world is our own American presidential campaign. Some of the people running include Sen-

ator Bob Dole and Senator Phil Gramm, as well as several others whose names don't stay

with you the way names like Jay Leno and David Letterman do. Italy, Spain, France and Germany still exist, but nothing ever seems to happen there, except the running of the bulls in Pamplona. Sometimes new women's dress designs are shown in

Somebody named Kohl is in charge of Germany. He is a big fellow — as big as Clinton maybe, judging from seeing him standing next to the president on television.

Somebody is also running Italy, Spain and France, probably several different people in fact. England too. They all stood together for a photo op somewhere a while ago at a meeting to talk economics, and they were all a lot smaller than Clinton and Kohl.

America's troubles all stem from family values. There just aren't any anymore. They have been destroyed by modern life, which most of our political lead-ers want repealed so we can get family values back and save the country.

Television, the Internet, liberals, affirmative action, the Mexican peso and the terrible things going on inside the Beltway are all destroying family values too. The crime that's going on is simply incredible.

Yes, firing another 35,000 workers every few days is sure hard on fired folks who are a little long in the rooth, but it's how we're making America competitive once again with

Have we overlooked anything? But of course! Those French nukes off Tahiti. Awful, wasn't it? It's hard to say why,

New York Times Service

Tweaking a Film With the Techies and the Toonies

By Michael Sragow

DOINT RICHMOND, California — When the I animators at Pixar were working on the new movie "Toy Story," they ran into some novel problems. At one point, in the story, two toys, the marionette-like cowboy Woody and the space ranger named Buzz, sneak into a fast-food joint camouflaged in a milkshake cup and burger

The first time they put the scene together, Woody's head poked through the cup's plastic cap and Buzz's through the box's cardboard top. That kind of glitch would never have happened on the primarily hand-drawn cartoons "The Lion King" and "Beauty and the Beast." The error occurred because "Toy Story" is the first full-length movie ever made with computer animation. Buzz and Woody's movement and scale had not yet been precisely coordinated with the cup and the box. Bin it took only a few keystrokes to correct the mistake, not hundreds of revised

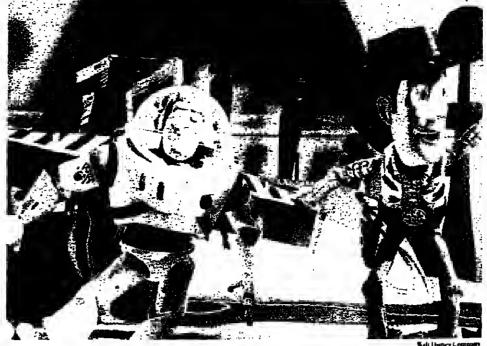
To make "Toy Story," which opened this week in the United States, sets were built and decorated and cameras placed just as in a liveaction film - except within cyberspace. Characters and props were modeled, shaded and their surfaces altered according to the light, all by programming a computer. Tough characters, like an evil canine named Scud, warranted mixedclay-and-epoxy-resin sculptures that were "3-D-scanned," or digitized. Painters sitting at computers added handmade touches. Then these elements had to merge without a seam.
It sounds like Dagwood-sandwich

moviemaking, but its creators hope that their brand of computer animation will bring an unprecedented elegance to the art. Eben Ostby, a "Toy Story" modeling specialist, says, "You get all this detail: there's dirt on the walls, there's texture everywhere."

With regular animation, seconds of film represent weeks of thought and labor. That is true as well with "Toy Story." which took four years to finish. In fact, the principal partners of Pixar, a preparing to do a full-length movie for decades. promote its animated films to the press.

"Toy Story," a Walt Disney release, is a By last summer. Lasseter could hold a fac-Toy Story," a Walt Disney release, is a

buddy toon. It's about the disruption of the simile Buzz Lightyear toy in his hand, the pecking order among one boy's toys wheo Buzz advance guard of Disney's "Toy Story" mar-Lightyear (with the voice of Tim Allen) displaces keting campaign. (The Mouse gets the lion's Woody (Tom Hanks) on the child's birthday. share of licensing fees, Pixar a percentage.) Woody (Tom Hanks) on the child's birthday. Jealousy, rivalry and rapprochement follow. The boy, Andy, is a peripheral figure. The real sup-staff members zoom down the hallways on



Buzz and Woody in "Toy Story," the first full-length computer-animation movie.

porting characters are figurines and gadgets, some generic, like an insecure plastic T. Rex (Wallace Shawn), and some classic, like the sputtery Potato Head (Don Rickles), who keeps hoping that Andy's next gift will be Mrs. Potato

The film's 38-year-old director, John Laseter, made his name with Pixar-produced shorts "Luxo Jr." (1986), which was nominated for an Oscar, and "Tin Toy" (1988), which won one. "Toy Story" was cooked up hy Lasseter's kitchen cabinet of gag writers and idea people and an army of animators and technicians.

The movie had a difficult delivery. There were controversies and false starts. But by last January, Disney had grown so enthusiastic that a preview Bay Area animation studio known for innovative reel of "Toy Story" became the centerpiece of short subjects and commercials, had been the company's traveling dog-and-pony show to

Pixar's huilding is utilitarian. But playful

scooters, and the rooms are filled with toys, art books and audio and video matter (from laser disks to vinyl LPs). The techies tend to be focused, affable sorts in their 40s and 50s; the toonies tend to be jocular, expansive sorts in their 20s and 30s. The techies have advanced degrees; the toonies have their own trophies, like Lasseter's autographed poster of the Japanese cartoon hit "My Neighbor Totoro."

When I was looking for animators," says Lasseter, "I looked at guys who worked with clay, cel, sand and pencils; no matter what the medium, I wanted to see if they were able to take a character and make us feel that it was breathing and thinking. You need to have an innate sense of time and motion to do that, which is sometimes harder to come by than draftsmanship. I think there are gifted animators out there who can't draw worth beans. The computer made me a better animator because even though I wasn't a great draftsman, it enabled me to deal with pure motion."

Editing, or "tweaking," the motion is at the heart of the whole process. "The tweaking is

arm rotate," Lasseter says. "And that's where I think computer animation is unique. You don't have to crase hundreds of drawings.

To Lasseter, computer art is in the details, "You think about every accessory," he says.
"For Buzz, from pop-out wings that glow in the dark to karate-chop action. Then you work with the animators on the 'acting,' how Buzz walks and moves and expresses himself. Then you layer on the surface characteristics, the shaders: what does he look like when he glows in the dark?"

As in conventional animation, story artists sketch concepts with marking pens and colored pencils. Animators perfect their images by maneuvering skeletal figures on computer screens.

"Our favorite metaphor is trees," Lasseter says. You grab the trunk first, you move the tree over here, you wiggle it this way and that, and only then do you tweak the leaves. If you tweaked the leaves first and then went to move the trunk, all your leaf animation would be gone.

Real-life observation is required. The film's Real-life observation is required. The first shader and visual-effects supervisor. Tom Porter, 43, uses the relatively basic example of Andy's skateboard: "Three guys brought in their skateboards, and I thought I duplicated their wear and tear perfectly. But the art director. Ralph Eggleston, thought the result wasn't what the skateboard should look like. He took the piece of plastic off the top of a water jug, ran down to the parking lot and scratched it on the asphalt to show how the color degenerated from red to brown and how the ruh marks went up and down. So I went to the art department and had them draw out some scratches for me.'

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ident Skits

As with conventional animation, the artists and writers looked to silent comedy for inspiration. "Buster Keaton is God." says Andrew Stanton, who shares the story credit with Lasseter and Joe Ranft. In "Toy Story" he tried to use what he had learned studying the master. "I keep thinking about 'Steamboat Bill Jr.' The charm of that movie is that Keaton plays a very effeminate. non-manly man; everything funny in the movie comes from how he deals with that limitation."

Overcoming limitation is exactly what the filmmakers' favorite sequence is about: rigid plastic figures of Army men embark on a reconnaissance mission to get downstairs somehow and report on the new toys that have arrived. "Joe Grant, one of the writers of 'Dumbo,' hit it on the nose," Stanton says. "What makes the sequence is that the Army men still have plastic bases connecting their feet."

what brings the characters to life, adding half a second to the movement of an arm, or making the Weekly, wrote this for The New York Times.

POSTCARD

Harried Holidays: In Martha's Name They Trussed

By Patricia Leigh Brown New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The holidays are a time for reflection. And so it was that Tracy Dockray, a Manhattan illustrator and decorative painter, was ruminating on just what it was that led her to gold-leaf her motorcycle tank and glue-gun a coat for Zeus, ber Chihuahua.

ear her glue-gunned swags, she said "The glue gun changed my life," referring with a caramelized-sugar sun room and 15 to the concealed weapon that always dis-

tinguishes a Martha Stewart person. At this holiday season, thoughts invariably turn to Martha. Her loyal subjects are buying pecans — 200 of them — for garlands, drilliog them lengthwise with a five sixty-fourths hit and stringing them on 20gauge wire, point to point and rounded end to rounded end. They are sifting through Stewart, a latter-day Mrs. Beeton in Arrelax.

gently inserting into Styrofoam wreaths.

for "a lacquery brown, glistening turkey that you can be proud of" — is with them. trussed the American home and stuffed the empty cavities of its psyche. Lilly and Paul Salvatore of Middletown, New Jersey, were up until 3 A.M. with a slide rule, finishing Martha's signature holeus, ber Chihuahua. iday decoration, a gingerbread house. It is sitting on her glue-gunned upholstery, modeled on Lilly Salvatore's mother's va-

> separate architectural elements. Last Thanksgiving, the couple whipped up a replica of her mother's house on Staten Island. It was a two-and-a-half-week en-Island. It was a two-and-a-half-week en-deavor with a tragic denouement: just after they served it, their German shepherd, Ruf-"You have to be very committed." she

fian, devoured the roof. Such disasters are not likely to befall

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Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

cranberries — approximately 400 of them mani who presides over an estimated \$200 — to pierce with toothpick halves before million lifestyle empire that includes books; a monthly magazine, Martha Stew-The force — the blond one who strives art Living, and television shows. She has empty cavities of its psyche.

For Martha-holics, the holidays have gone beyond Martha the Phenomenon to become Martha the Marathon.

In Ellington, Connecticut, the holiday Dramatic Theater in Stockholm. "It's for season finds Paula Moses braiding crusts, entirely private reasons. It's a decision making pies from the sweet sugar pumpkins stop making films after 'Fanny and she planted next to the tripod for her toma- Alexander.' 'he said. Bergman's wife of toes beside the all-white moon garden, all this in between baking the cranberry and

explained. Pass the stuffing. And don't forget to

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THE director Ingmar Bergman said Thursday that he would bid farewell to the theater next year to focus on writing after 50 years of producing for the stage and the cinema screen. The 77-year-old Bergman told the Stockholm daily Expressen he planned to retire to the Baltic island of Faro next spring. "I feel an enormous sense of relief now that the decision has been made," he said. "Every day I long for Faro, the only place on earth where I feel at home." The director recently ended his contract with the Royal 24 years, Countess Ingrid von Rosen, died in May.

FOCUS ON FILM - The director Martin Scorsese, after a press conference the Vienna film festival, where his new movie, "Casino," will be shown.

skating in Sandringham."

Natalie Cole has filed for divorce from producer Andre Fischer, citing irreconcilable differences. They separated in October. Cole and Fischer married in 1989. She filed for divorce in 1992 but later withdrew the petitioo.

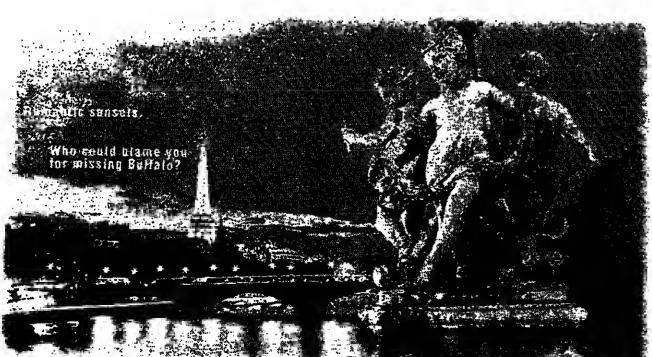
Johnny Depp has given his mother a A hible belonging to Martin Luther 43-acre (17-hectare) property for a horse which the Reformation leader probably farm near Lexington, Kentucky, for which farm near Lexington, Kentucky, for which he paid \$950,000. His mother, Betty Sue Paimer, is expected to move in by Christ-

> Katherine Ann Power, the former antiwar radical who spent 23 years underground, has hired a literary agent to help sell a book proposal, not about her crime or prison, hut about cooking, her agent told Esquire magazine. Power, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter after surren-dering in 1993 and who is serving eight to 12 years in prison, is forbidden by a judge's order from "profiting financially from speech about her crime or her ex-

ing forward to a hard winter so she can go driving the getaway car in a 1970 Boston bank robbery in which a police officer was shot to death. During her years in the underground, Power lived in Lebanon, Oregon, under the name Alice Metzinger and worked in a restaurant.

Dempsey, a pit bull terrier sentenced to death for not wearing a muzzle, has been reprieved after three years by the High Court in London. Dempsey's ordeal started in 1992, when a friend of her owner took her for a walk - muzzled as the law destroyed. The dog's plight drew world-wide calls of mercy, including one from Brigitte Bardot, who offered Dempsey a home in France.

Christopher Reeve, in a taped television interview, says his being paralyzed in a riding fall will not stop him and his wife, Dana, from having another child. The 43year-old actor acknowledges some dark moments in his life, such as when his 3year-old son. Will, plays ball around him. "Problem is," Reeve said, "he gets all perience as a fugitive." She admitted excited and I can only look on.



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One of the best-kept secrets in British

politics - what Michael Heseltine does to

his hair to keep that full-bodied look -has

been brought out into the open. A veteran

of Conservative governments and current-

ly deputy prime minister, Heseltine, 62, has

earned the nickname Tarzan over his vo-

luminous endowment of wavy bloud-gray

hair. During an interview on BBC radio, a

female caller asked: "Do you blow-dry

your hair and use mousse, or is that a

natural bounce we see?" An amused Hes-

eltine gave what he swore was a straight

answer: "I do nothing to my hair, except

occasionally wash it." The BBC interviewer was incredulous: "Good grief. It does that on its own?" "Yes," Heseltine

used to translate the New Testament into German, has been discovered in a library in

Stuttgart. The tome, discovered at the Württemberg regional library, bears hand-writing that is almost certainly that of the

German theologian, said Manuel Santos Noya, a hihliographical expert. The hihle was originally produced in 1519 in Lyon,

Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of

Edinburgh visited Queen Elizabeth the

Queen Mother, nearly a week after she

underwent a hip replacement operation.

The Queen Mother earlier had a visit from

Princess Anne, who joked, "She is look-

according to experts.

replied, "it does that on its own."

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